

Parents Association News

We've had a roaring start to the term with the first Second Hand Uniform sale of the year raising over £600 and the Year 6 cake sale, which raises funds for their end of year book, raising over £300. Well done to Year 6 and your parents, as I know you're having a busy time at the moment.

Here in the PA we're really looking forward to the parents' social evening on Thursday October 18th from 7-9. This is a chance for everyone to get together, meet new faces and catch up with old friends. We'll provide some drinks, decorate the hall and everyone who can is encouraged to bring a dish of finger food to share. The evening is primarily about bonding: one of the main roles of the PA, and one that I am keen to develop, is enhancing the school community and creating opportunities for the parents to get together and socialise. However, I would be in serious trouble with our Fundraising Manager, Mrs Sauve, if I didn't try to raise a *bit* of money for the school at the same time. One of the Reps came up with the idea of an Auction of Promises, so we've launched one. I will be sending a letter out at the beginning of next week with more details but for now you can go to this link and pledge a promise. A promise can be anything you have or can offer (be it time, a skill, a holiday home) that someone would bid for. Maybe you can spare an evening's babysitting? Do you own a salon? Can you train someone on a particular computer skill? I'm plucking these ideas out of the air, but they are all items I would bid for! Anything can be a promise, so please go to the link and offer something.

<https://auctionofpromises.com/helpingtheoratorygrow>

On Monday Years 5 and 6 are each having a session with a debating company. This is something the PA has been keen to support for a while, so we look forward to hearing how it goes. We're also helping the school purchase some additional RE text books, so that each child can have one to use. However after that we will need to replenish the coffers (see above: the Auction of Promises) before we can commit to any more spending, so please spare a moment to think of a way that you could contribute to the Auction so that the PA can continue to support our fabulous School.

That's all for now. Have a lovely weekend.
Alex Yates, PA Chair

Parent Governor Election

This coming Monday, 8th October, will be the parent governor election. The candidates are:

- Mrs Alice Avenel
- Mr Salvatore Maiorano
- Mrs Mariah Maxwell
- Ms Maya Sanbar
- Mrs Alexandra Yates

We are following the local authority's procedures for parent governor elections. Those of you who have requested a postal vote need to return your ballot paper to the school before 5pm on Monday 8th October. You can post it to us if you wish. If you did not request a postal vote, you can vote at the school office between 8.30 am and 5pm on Monday 8th October. Thank you for your interest and involvement.

October is the month of the Rosary

We are very grateful to all of the parents who have set up a rota to run Rosary club this month. Why not try to regularly pray a decade or two of the Rosary at home this month?



Owls and owlets



Our wonderful Year 6 pupils have been doing a great job of helping our Reception pupils to settle in. As wise 'owls', they help their 'owlets' to get to know how school life at Oratory works. Here are some of the special friends enjoying a playtime together.