

The Raleigh Rag!

Spring 2012

Welcome to the first edition of The Raleigh Rag. We will be bringing you information and news of what the PSA are planning and feedback about the difference we (that's you!) make to our children's school life.

Last term was very busy with three major events being run by the PSA. Checkout the 'totaliser' below to see how much they each raised and learn more about the new computers and how they are being used in Mr Shand's letter to The Rag!.

New for 2012 is the Easter Egg-stravaganza – a mixture of stalls and craft activities run through the school day on Tuesday 27 March. Don't forget to put this and all the other fantastic events planned for 2012 in your diary now!

Editor

Dates for your diary

- Film Club 29 February
- Quiz Night 23 March
- Easter Egg-stravaganza 27 March
- Cash in the Attic 19 April
- Kids' Disco 20 April
- Summer Fair 8 July

Firework display at The Raleigh goes with a bang!

Families enjoyed yet another fantastic firework display at The Raleigh School on Sunday 6 November, along with great activities and food, (don't mention the jacket potatoes!).

The event raised £2,100, and really showed how you can have fun fundraising! Please remember what a great event it is when you are asked to volunteer for a helpers' slot next time.

Shopping has never been so relaxing!

Ladies in the know were to be found at The Raleigh's Retail Therapy Evening, held at The Ramada Hotel on 11 November. There was a fantastic variety of products for sale - from scarves to jewellery, wooden toys to glass bowls, candles to chocolate, as well as a range of beauty treatments. "The gifts were just right and being sold at very good prices," said one happy shopper.

The event was well attended and managed to raise £1,400.



Raleigh children have a cracking good time at The Christmas Cracker Fair.

Totaliser for events 2011/12

Fireworks	£2,100
Retail Therapy	£1,400
Christmas Fair	£1,100
Gift Wrap	£ 275
	£4,875

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The generosity and support of the PSA in funding the purchase of 12 desktop computers and 3 laptops has been invaluable in enabling us to continue to provide reliable and up to date computers across the school.

In our experience, we have found that the most important computers in any classroom are the ones connected to the interactive Smartboard - they enable teachers to enhance and involve children in their learning and are used in pretty much every lesson. As a result, most of the new computers have been used in this way - the teachers have certainly noticed a difference! This has also meant that we have been able to reorganise the rest of the computers and 'retire' some of our very oldest ones - for example, we now have a bank of four computers in the Staffroom to help teachers with their planning.

A huge thank you again for your support - we couldn't do it without you!

Mr Shand, Deputy Head

The PSA allocated £4,200 to buying new computers for the school in October 2011.

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed the Christmas Fair because there were no grown ups telling us what we could or couldn't get. Nothing was too expensive and there was a good variety of toys – just like going to the zoo but toys not animals!

Changing the hall into a proper shopping place was amazing.

Thank you for doing it for us!
Jason A., YR4

The Christmas Cracker Fair, held on 2 December and run by parents and staff, raised an amazing £1,100.

Send your letters to the Editor using psa@raleigh.surrey.sch.uk

Giving Machine hits £1,000 total raised for The Raleigh!

There are currently 58 parents registered as 'givers' for The Raleigh at The Giving Machine and together they have raised just over £1,000, just by going to their favourite websites via www.thegivingmachine.co.uk. A big well done and thank you to all of you!

There is no easier way to support your children's school than shopping with The Giving Machine. You'll find links to more than 100 different shops, including well known high street names, such as Sainsbury's and M&S. It only costs you the time it takes to register and one extra click when you shop online. Many of you will already be using the sites which are linked to The Giving Machine so please register now and make a difference every time you shop.

Help us double the number of givers – register now @
www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

Want to get a bit more involved?

Come along to the next PSA meeting or email us

Next Meeting:
7:30pm
Monday 30 April
in the Staff Room

EVERYONE
WELCOME!

Any questions, ideas or suggestions for the PSA – please email us
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