

FRIENDS OF NETHER GREEN PTA AUTUMN 2 2023 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Christmas 2023 edition of the Friends of Nether Green PTA half termly newsletter.

Firstly, we would like to wish the whole of the Nether Green Junior School community a very happy and restful winter break and a healthy and positive new year. We have had a really busy few weeks, but it has been so lovely to see the children enjoying themselves, getting into the festive spirit and coming together as a community! We feel lucky to be a little part of it!

Summary of events:

Cinema Clubs: We welcomed over 200 children to the winter cinema clubs earlier this month. They enjoyed watching a film that the children had voted for on a big screen in the hall with some yummy popcorn snacks. They all had a great time and the events raised a fantastic £995!



Elfridges: What a fantastic day! This idea has been around for some time but this year we decided to make it happen! We were blown away by the generosity of the gifts donated and enjoyed setting up our pop-up shop for the day! Most importantly, the children really embraced the day and so many of them showed huge kindness in thinking about who to buy a gift for and got a lot out of picking their own gift to wrap and take away. On top of all that the day raised an amazing £644! Thank you so much to those in the team who had the idea and then made it happen.

It was such a success we hope to run it again next year so any time you have additional or unwanted gifts at home, just drop them in to school and we will store them up for the next shop!



Festive Hampers: Yet again we had some brilliant donations to make some wonderful hampers. We were unable to draw the raffle tickets at the Winter Festival as planned, but they were drawn in school before the talent show and the children enjoyed celebrating with the winners. The raffle tickets raised a brilliant £724 and hopefully the goodies will be enjoyed over the next couple of weeks by the lucky winners!

All of these events, along with the bake sale in October mean that we have already raised almost £2500 for the school so far this academic year.

Update on PTA spending

The PTA has agreed to contribute some money to the development of the library area. This has already begun, but some more elements have been ordered and will hopefully be in place over the next few months. The area will become a unique and special place that will provide a space for reading, but also for celebrating many of the other things that go on in school. Watch this space and as it develops, we will share the updates! The school has lots of ideas of how to update and improve the spaces they have and we will continue to work with them on prioritising these ideas and contributing where we can.



Upcoming events:

We have lots more planned so watch this space!!!

Saturday 6 th January	Christmas Tree recycling event with NGIS, 10am-2pm
Friday 26 th January	Burns Night social (adult only event with food and entertainment). Tickets available now.
Thursday 8 th February Y5 Bake Sale	

Thank you and Happy Christmas! The PTA committee