

COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL P.T.A NEWSLETTER

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'200 Club'.

This is the easiest way that you can help raise money for the school, **and** be in with a chance of winning a cash prize! By setting up a standing order for £12 a year, your name is put into a monthly draw which has a top prize of £40, with two lesser cash awards of £12 and £6. If this sounds like your kind of fundraising, please contact the P.T.A. Treasurer, Kathy Williams on 01446 775326 and she will be only too pleased to help.

Cowbridge Fashion Week - Fashion Show.

If you haven't heard about this triumph, where have you been? The P.T.A. in conjunction with pupils from years 11, 12 and 13, school staff and the major fashion retailers of Cowbridge, pulled off a magnificent visual spectacle in the form of a fashion show that wouldn't have gone amiss in Milan or Paris! Led from the front by Esther Hitchcock, everyone pulled out all the stops to stage this show in just 5 weeks! The models impressed everyone with their professional attitude and sense of rhythm and style. This couldn't have been achieved without the dedication of ex-pupil Abi Owens who volunteered her services as dance choreographer. The fashion show raised £6,500 towards providing a Virtual Learning Environment (for more details on this please see over the page). If you weren't at the show but this article has wetted your interest, then why not purchase a DVD of the event. They cost £5 and are available from the school.

Christmas Hamper Raffle.

Seven hampers were up for grabs in the 2006 Christmas Raffle. All the hamper contents were generously donated by parents, which ranged from Belgian chocolates to Italian coffee, Spanish Rioja to Scottish Shortbread! For those who donated, a big thank you. The draw was held at the Schools Christmas concert, which took place at the leisure centre. The P.T.A. provided mulled wine and mince pies, which added to the festive atmosphere. The winners were:

J. Bonney (Penllyn), A. Pay (Cowbridge), R. Roberts (Cowbridge), D. Lewis (Barry), K. Bradbury (St. Mary Church), Mr/Mrs Jenkins (Ogmore-by-Sea) and E. Joyn (Splott).
Congratulations to you all.

UP AND COMING EVENTS.

Lower School Valentines Disco.

This evening event for years 7 and 8, is to be held in the 6th form hall on Friday 9th February '07, from 7.00pm - 9.30pm. A further letter will be issued to parents, as permission will be required before pupils can buy tickets. These will be on sale from Wednesday 31st January. The cost is £3, with refreshments available for purchase in the hall. There is a limited capacity, so it will be first come first served!

Quiz Night.

Start swotting now as you've only got 2 months until the annual quiz night. It's on Friday 16th March in middle school dining hall, and is always a fun evening that attracts a huge crowd. So don't dillydally in getting your tickets from your friendly P. T.A member when they go on sale after half term. The tickets are £7.50 p.p. which includes a cheese buffet. A bar will be provided selling wine, beer and soft drinks.

May Ball.

This is definitely a date for your diary. Friday 11th May in the St. Quintens Suite at The Bear Hotel. Tickets for this black tie event will cost £30 p.p., which includes a 3 course meal, and entertainment in the form of the 'Love Handels', who played at last years ball and were a definite hit with those who attended. Fronted by parent/lead singer Colin Massey they can turn their hand to any song from the 70's, 80's, 90's and 00's. So its dust off the dancing shoes and break out the diamante. Tickets will be on sale after the Easter holidays, however if you're able to put together a table of 10 please contact Sarah Dent at se.dent@tiscali.co.uk to make a reservation.

FundraisingAims '07/ '08.

The P.T.A. have been asked by the Head, Mrs Margaret Evans to help provide a Virtual Learning Environment for the school. This will provide a state of the art interactive learning system that can be accessed by pupils and staff from home as well as school. As we are all well aware, these things do not come cheap. We need to raise £60,000. This may seem an ambitious project, but the P.T.A. like a challenge! However, we cannot do this without your help. Whether it be joining the '200 Club' or attending events, every penny is desperately needed. We realise that many people don't have the time to help organise events, but may have some good ideas for fundraising. Please pass these on to us; new or novel ideas are always welcome. Likewise if you feel you have a skill(s) that you would be happy to 'donate' as part of a fundraising exercise let us know.

The P.T.A. are next meeting on Monday 5th February. If anyone has anything they would like discussed please contact a member of the P.T.A.