

ST. BIRINUS PTA NEWSLETTER

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BALLOONS FOR BOOKS

It's not too late to join our Easter
Virtual Balloon Race!

Launching from Istanbul at
noon, Easter Sunday, 4th April

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1361>

Cost per balloon £3

Design and race your balloon
from the comfort of your own
home. Balloons can be
purchased online up to 30
minutes before the launch.

All monies raised from this event
will be used to buy new books for
the English department to re-
stock their bookshelves.

In addition to the prizes offered
by the event organiser, we have
secured a fantastic array of
prizes exclusively for St. Birinus
PTA balloon racers.

Thanks to M&S foodhall, Tesco,
Asda, and McDonalds for our
fabulous prizes.



Welcome to our second newsletter which we hope will give you an update on our fundraising activities over the course of the last term. Our next PTA meeting is by zoom on Tuesday 27th April, 6.30 pm. Please contact us at sbs_pta@st-birinus.oxon.sch.uk if you would like to join us.

Recently the PTA gave the school **£2000** to help fund the refurbishment of the Engineering classroom, specifically helping to fund the required electrical upgrades that were needed to complete the project.

The photos below highlight the amazing transformation that has taken place within the engineering area that will benefit so many pupils.



Before



After

Half-term Pizza Fundraiser

Over the half-term week we hosted a wood-fired pizza van on Friday evenings, one outside Didcot Town FC (thanks to them for allowing this) and then outside the school the following week.

Thank you to everyone who supported this new fundraising initiative. We raised £55.80 and we hoped everyone enjoyed eating the tasty pizza.

Look out for further pizza van dates via The Saint and our Facebook page in the coming weeks.



Matched funding and company grant boost PTA funds

The success of the PTA Christmas raffle was further boosted by matched fundraising of an additional £1000 donated by Johnson Matthey PLC (a FTSE 100 chemicals company), simply by a PTA member applying through her workplace scheme. This means we raised an **incredible £2643.80** for the school through the raffle, with the money supporting the transformation of the Engineering classroom.

We were also delighted to be awarded a £250 grant from the Coop to help improve the outside space at St. Birinus and this was added to the amount available to fund the new outside seating, meaning the PTA have been able to donate a **fantastic £3250** for this project. The school council have selected the new outside furniture and we look forward to sharing details of this with you in our summer newsletter.

If you have the possibility to help us with matched fundraising / grants through your workplace, or would like to sponsor an event then please get in touch with us – it can make a huge difference to the school.

We look forward to being able to put on social events and supporting on site school activities to raise funds. In the meantime, we are raising much needed funds in the following ways:

PTA 500 CLUB

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This is a fantastic opportunity to help us raise funds for the school and be in with a chance of winning for yourself for just £2 a month.

We now have over 130 members, and the prizes won last month were worth £65.50, £39.30 and £26.20!

Across the first six draws we have raised a massive **£744** for the school.

The more members the bigger the prizes! To join please go to the PTA page on the school website.

<https://www.st-birinus-school.org.uk/2218/school-fundraising-and-pta>



When on-line shopping, if you go to the website via easyfundraising the PTA will receive a small donation.

We now have 45 supporters and have raised £638.74 since this scheme was set up. It's a great way to raise funds.

Please register to the support our cause using the link below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbirinuspta>

Second-Hand School Uniform

Did you know that the PTA hold a stock of shirts, trousers, blazers and PE tops in a range of sizes?



If you would like to buy uniform or have good quality uniform that you would like to donate to the PTA please e mail us at sbs_pta@st-birinus.oxon.sch.uk or find us on our facebook page @St. Birinus School PTA.

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