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**MILLFIELDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
PARENT STAFF ASSOCIATION**



**YOUR PSA NEEDS  
YOU!**

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## WHAT IS THE PSA?

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Millfields Community School PSA is the Parent Staff Association of the school. In summary, the PSA aims to organise events and raise funds for the school to improve all aspects of school life for those who learn and work there. The PSA is a fully constituted charitable body. As a parent, carer or member of staff, you already belong to the PSA.

## WHO RUNS THE PSA?

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The PSA is run by a committee of parents who are voted annually at the Annual General Meeting in October of each year. The current Officeholders are:

**Clare Wooldridge** - Chair (mum to Megan in Mexico City and Billy in New York)

**Natascha Lloyd** - Co-Secretary (mum to Abbie in Moscow & Joseph in Vancouver)

**Elanor Jackson** - Co-Secretary (mum to Mati in Barcelona)

**Rose-Marie St Mart** - Treasurer (mum to Ethan in Helsinki & Grace in Moscow)

We also have a Tuck Shop Co-ordinator - **Vickie Wilkes** (mum to Ila in Rome) and **Thelma Gondwe** (mum to Aajah in Calgary, Oasis in Mexico City & Jahraine in London) organises the Non Uniform Days.

Our Staff Rep left to take up a new post in another school in July; his successor will be appointed shortly.

In addition many parents and staff help organise and run the various events and projects. They are known as the “PSA Regulars” although no one is quite sure why!

**We hold meetings several times a term the dates and times of which are advertised widely.**

**ALL parents and carers are welcome to attend.**

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## HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU RAISE?

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During the academic year 2011-2012 we raised a total of £13,704 in cash. In addition we obtained £12,500 of grant funding (for cycling and the library re-development) and during the summer holidays we heard that we had been granted £1500 by Ford and £10,000 from Awards for All towards the Playpod. Finally we raised £1753 commission to spend on books from our Book Fairs. That's a grand total of just under £39,500.

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## WHAT IS THE MONEY SPENT ON?

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*The following allocations were made in the academic year 2011-2012:*

£3000 towards reading scheme books (final tranche of commitment made by PSA towards this project)

£60 - Baby Belling cooker for speech and language group

£640 - Olympic visits

£8 - goalie gloves for football team

£740 - Horse Riding for ARB children

£2161 - final instalment on playground boat construction

£2000 - contribution to Library refurbishment

£2500 - (figure TBC): contribution to Playpod (dependent on Grant Applications)

£1753 - Scholastic Book Fair commission: books to support topic work and for the library

£2500 - contribution to Playground Design Work

£TBC - contribution to Playground Project Co-Ordinator Role

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## WHAT ARE YOUR PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR

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Two confirmed projects for the 2012-2013 academic year are:

- Progressing the playground re-development
- Finalising the library re-development

We have some ideas of other things we might focus on but we need input from ALL parents. Please come along to a meeting or contact us to share your ideas.

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## WHAT TYPE OF EVENTS DO YOU RUN?

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Events last year included: Scholastic Bookfairs, Film Nights, Disco, Christmas and Summer Fairs, Christmas Cards, Arts Week, Non Uniform Days, Weekly Tuck Shops and Grown Ups Night Out.

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## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED ?

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# TURN OVER...

Our fundraising total for last year was fantastic but our needs are great especially in regard to raising funds for the playground re-development and we need more parents to commit their support to help us move forward. There are a number of things you can do depending on the time you have available. All of the Office holders and many of the PSA Regulars are working parents so please don't think that you can't help from a distance or on an occasional basis if you are not able to get into school regularly.

1. Sign up to the **PSA Mail List** so that you are kept in touch with events and projects and can respond to offers of help. The list is managed by the school so please e-mail [jbetsworth@millfields.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:jbetsworth@millfields.hackney.sch.uk) to ask to be added.
2. Volunteer to be one of your class **Tuck Shop Reps** and help to run your class Tuck Shop on a Friday after school a maximum of twice per academic year (all of the parents in the class contribute - the Tuck Shop reps are there to remind everyone and run the stall on the day). E-mail [vwilkes@talk21.com](mailto:vwilkes@talk21.com) if you would like to volunteer.
3. Attend **PSA meetings** whenever you can. We will aim to have a variety of days and times so that you get a chance to attend whatever your other commitments. Dates for this half-term: Fri 28 Sept at 9:10am; Friday 12 Oct at 2:30pm and AGM on Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Oct at 6pm.
4. Volunteer to **run an event**. See below for list of events planned or come up with an idea of your own! Many of the events have been run successfully in the past so you will not be starting from scratch and we have a body of willing volunteers who will pitch in to help on the day.
5. Put yourself forward for one of the **Office Holder roles**. We would like to have two people in each role this year and would love to have some new volunteers. Contact [clare.wooldridge91@gmail.com](mailto:clare.wooldridge91@gmail.com) or any of the Office Holders for more information.

## WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

The PSA at Millfields has a long history of enhancing the educational experience of all the children who attend the school. Our children are benefiting from the efforts of parents and staff from years gone by and we think it is important for us to continue this tradition for the benefit of our children and the pupils of the future. It's a great opportunity to get more involved in the school, to get to know and work alongside the staff, to see behind the scenes and to meet and make friends with parents across the school. It's also a lot of fun! You will get a real buzz from running a successful event and seeing our fantastic community come together to raise funds for a good cause. And you can involve your children too!

## WHAT SPECIFIC EVENTS AND PROJECTS DO YOU NEED HELP WITH?

The following events are planned for this year. If you would like to help out the co-ordinators listed below or to volunteer for one of the vacancies please contact [clare.wooldridge91@gmail.com](mailto:clare.wooldridge91@gmail.com)

**Christmas Fair** (14 Dec) - co-ordinated by Clare Wooldridge

**November Book Fair** (15-22 Nov) - co-ordinated by Clare Wooldridge

**Christmas Cards** - co-ordinated by Natascha Lloyd

**Film Night** (9 Nov TBC) - co-ordinated by Rose-Marie St Mart

**Quiz Night** - we need some new volunteers to organise!

**Weekly Tuck Shops** - co-ordinated by Vickie Wilkes + 2 volunteer Tuck Shops reps for each class

**Grown-Ups Night Out** - we need some volunteers to organise!

**Non-Uniform Days** (last day of each half-term) -Thelma Gondwe + a couple of new volunteers to help!

**FINALLY** - If you have experience of applying for **grant funding** (or would like an opportunity to gain some!) and can commit some time to researching and applying for funding please get in touch. It's a very valuable source of income but we don't currently have the capacity on the PSA to make the most of the opportunities that are out there. Any questions please e-mail [clare.wooldridge91@gmail.com](mailto:clare.wooldridge91@gmail.com) or leave a note at Reception.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!**