

Playground Newsflash

Thanks to you - we are building a dream tree house!

You've made the cakes, bought and sold raffle tickets and supported the school fairs. And now here's an update about how the money that's been raised is being spent...

First of all we have raised £15,000, so huge thanks and well done everyone for your hard work!

Over the Easter holidays, work will begin to replace the covered seating area next to the boat in the KS1 playground with a brand new tree house, which will include a new slide and a natural willow tunnel. It has been designed by local designers Lizzie and Gemma from *Made*

From Scratch together with children from the school. The building work will be finished off in the first couple of week of the summer term, in time for in the warmer weather.

The tree house will cost £18,000, the majority of which has been raised by your contributions to all the events organised by the Millfields PSA. The funding for the willow tunnel came from a grant for £1,500 from the Ernest Cook Trust, which is one of the UK's leading outdoor learning charities. Thanks also go to the school, which is covering the remaining cost of £3,000.

OTHER PLAYGROUND NEWS & PLANS

Last year the school improved the outside play areas by installing the musical garden between the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds, the new multi-use games area and the pat-ball wall.

The PSA spent £8,440 towards the planting of trees in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds last February.

Next year we hope to replace the aging climbing equipment in the KS1 playground as well as improve the stage. There is also a plan to add a special swinging pod for SEN children and their friends to use.

THE PSA - WHAT WE DO

The Parent Staff Association's role is to organise community building events such as the Christmas and summer fairs, discos, tuck shops and other entertainment. These events are there to provide an opportunity for parents, staff and pupils to get

together and enjoy themselves. Most of them also raise vital funds to help the school improve facilities and enrich learning for our children.

There is an auction and other events planned this summer term. Volunteering as little as an hour

of your time could make a huge difference, so please consider getting involved. Our next meeting is March 18th, 9.10 am (meet in reception). Come along and find out what we do or else join our mailing list by emailing psamillfields@gmail.com.