



# Owlsmoor PTA Newsletter

## Summer Fete Kick off 22nd May - An Owlsmoor Country Garden

Our fete this year is on the theme of An Owlsmoor Country Garden, this follows on from the Hampton Court Flower Show where the school has a garden display.

To launch this years fun we are kicking off our Sunflower Competition on the 22nd May so come along and enter, 50p entry including a free sunflower. Come and join the party.

We will also be kicking off the tray garden and photo competitions, come and find out more in the playground on the 22nd after school.

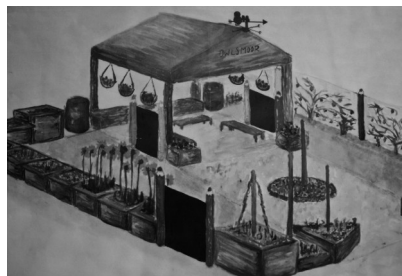
We are also holding a cake sale in the middle playground in front of the KS1 IT suite. Any donations for event can be bought to the small kitchen on the morning of the 22nd.

We will be having an evening for anyone

interested in helping at this years fete on 15th June in the studio. Come along meet the PTA, Drinks and nibbles will be supplied, find out what we do, you may be surprised.

Last year the fete raised £2,500. This year we aim to raise £3,000 with this money going to provide new equipment for the school.

Please support this great day our and your children.



The Owlsmoor garden,  
Hampton Court Flower Show 2009

## School Disco - Wednesday 3rd June

### In Aid of the Gardening Club

We are having one of our famous discos on Wednesday 3rd June.

KS1 and Nursery 5.30 - 7.00;  
KS2 7.30 - 9.00.

Entry will be £2.50 each and we will be selling hot-

dogs, glow-sticks, sweets and drinks; for the adults staying we will have tea and coffee.

If you are a parent who can help then please contact Rachel Adamson via the school office.

All proceeds will be going to support the Gardening Club and their entry to the Hampton Court Flower show.

Come along and join us, it will be a great night.

## Owlsmoor Primary School PTA

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### Dates for the Diary:

- Cake sale 22nd May - Bring your cakes to the Small kitchen in the morning.
- Fete volunteer evening 15th June, 7.30 in the studio.
- Summer Fete 18th July
- School Disco in aid of Gardening Club 3rd June.
- No School Uniform Day Friday 22nd May

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# What does the PTA do?

The PTA or Parent Teacher Association is a not for profit group run by a volunteer group of parents, teachers and friends who support and raise money for the school.

This dedicated group of people run and support a variety of events every year including the summer Fete, Discos, Xmas Bazaar, Easter Egg Hunt, School Christmas Cards, The Pantomime, Table Top Sales, Jumble Sales, Fashion Shows, The Crèche at the parent evenings and Cake Sales. All of these activities raise in excess of £8,000 for the school every year.

This money is put to good use by the school, over the past few years we have bought everything from the trophies for leaving day to the digital screen in reception. Last year we also helped pay for the new computers in KS2, the markings in the middle playground.

Not only do we support with the big things we also provide little things including guillotines, laminators and buying copyrights for school plays.



What do we do?

We are always looking for ideas for fundraising and for people to help out so if you have a skill that you think we can use or you can spare a couple of hours to help at one of the discos or would not mind manning a stall at the summer fete then let us know.

If you can spare some time or ideas then come to our PTA volunteer evening on 15th June in the Studio and find out more.

## Donations and Prizes for the Summer Fete.

Can you help? Do you work for a company that is willing to provide sponsorship or a prize for our fete?

If the answer to this question is Yes then we would love to hear from you.

If it is £10 or £1,000; a voucher for hairdressing or a manicure; A bicycle, a board game or any other prize then let us know.

“Every little helps.”

The summer fete is coming up on the 18th July, and we want to make it the best ever, to do that we need your help.

If you have any donations then please let the office know and one of the PTA will contact you, alternatively come and see us at the fete launch on

the 22nd May after school.

Make this year count.

Can you help us make this years fete the best ever?

## Make a Tray Garden Competition

Have you ever thought of growing something or do you have a crafting skill then make a garden in a tray.

This competition will be judged at the summer fete, all you have to do is take a tray and either plant a garden using



A Tray Garden

seeds, soil and stones or you can make an artificial garden using Fimo, Crepe paper, clay or even look in the recycling.

There are 2 competitions: The Growing Garden - use real plants to make your garden come to life

The Green Garden - Use anything you like even recycling.

Using a tray or small box – create a miniature garden with paths, grass, benches and flowers. Whatever you can create and think of, let your imagination run riot.

Bring your gardens along to the fete, prizes will be given out on the day.

# Owlsmoor Photo Competition - How does my garden Grow?

We all love photographs so why not enter the Owlsmoor Summer Fete Photo Competition, all you have to do is take a photograph of something that reminds you of the garden.

It could be anything that is associated with gardens:

Mini beasts, Flowers, Garden Water, texture and light, the working garden or Gardens at Play.

This is an open event for everyone associated with the school. Mums and Dads, Aunties and Uncles, Grandparents and friends can all enter so get those cameras out and start capturing the joys of your garden.

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There are 4 age groups for the competition with each one having a first prize:

- Nursery and Reception
- Yr1, Yr2 & Yr3
- Yr4, Yr5. Yr6
- Adult

To enter the competition simply pick up an entry form from the school office.

Lets show Owlsmoor how great our budding photographers are.

The winning photographs will be compiled into a calendar and sold at Christmas to raise funds for the school. They will also be displayed on the website.

There are no limits to the number of times you can enter so get clicking and lets see what is out there in our gardens.

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Yr1, Yr2 & Yr3
Yr4, Yr5. Yr6
Adult

## Take cover! Wellie Wanging is coming to Owlsmoor.

As part of our Summer Fete there will be a number of new games for you to join in with, one of these is the ancient sport of Wellie Wanging.

There will be 4 categories for this event so everyone can be involved from Nursery and Reception right through to the adults. Come along and see if you can beat the record, the

furthest throw of a size 8 wellie is 56m by a man and 40m for a woman.

Just to keep things fair there will be smaller willies for the under 12's and under 6's.

At the end of the day the golden wellie will be presented to the winner, everyone will get a prize if they take part.

Come and try your best, who will make the distance and win the prize?



“Wellie wanging - the ancient sport of hurling a Wellington boot as far as possible, from a standing or running start.”

## From the treasurer - Financial Report

What a great year we have had so far and we still have the fete and a disco to go. The PTA and thank everyone for working so hard in recent months. Well done to all the parents, friends, teachers and children.

The Easter Egg Hunt held just before the holidays raised an amazing £380.00 and the children had a won-

derful day, thank you to Mrs Toal for organizing this.

The Jumble Sale held on the 17th April raised £105.80 for the funds so good job and special thanks to all involved.

We have already sold 65 cook books

so if you have not got yours yet then they can be bought from the office. Full of wonderfully easy recipes. Get yours before they all sell out.



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can be.



Win a bar of chocolate - Just complete the word search below and put it in the box in the hall, a winner will be picked from the completed entries .

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## Recipe for less than £5 for a family of 4 - Salmon Fish Cakes

**Simple, quick and tasty - what more can you ask for? Serve these salmon fish cakes with vegetables for a great-value meal.**

### Ingredients:

750g potatoes, cut into large chunks  
213g tin wild red salmon, drained  
2 tbsp chopped parsley (or 1 tsp dried parsley)  
1 medium egg, beaten  
1 tbsp flour



### Salmon Fish Cakes

Serves: 4

Prep time: 15 mins

Cooking time: 8 mins

Cost: £2.86 (71p per serving)

Boil the potatoes for 10-12 mins or until tender, then drain and return to the pan. Mash well.

Stir in the salmon and parsley, season well and add enough of the egg to bind the mixture. Divide into 12 and press into rounds.

Dust in the flour and shallow-fry in 2 batches for 2 mins on each side until golden. Serve with seasonal vegetables.