

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first issue of the new POW Newsletter which will be issued at the beginning of each Term. It will feature future POW Events each Term and projects supported by POW. In this issue we would like to explain what POW is, who we are, and what POW does and hopes to achieve, for the benefit of new parents and for those of you who may have wondered this in the past.



Tania Sewell and Charlotte Hunt are the new co-Chairmen of POW, taking over from Maja Saran and Niamh Guerin. Tania and Charlotte are both parents of Year 2 boys. Additionally, Tania has twin girls, and Charlotte has a daughter, so we really do need **your** help and support.

There is a wider POW team which includes Smita Swaroop, who has done a fantastic job as POW treasurer over the last few years, and Yamini Franzini who will be providing POW with IT support. Other POW team members will be announced on the POW website from time to time.



POW NEWSLETTER

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POW (Parents of Willington)

is a sociable community of parents that organises social events for Willington parents and boys, most of which have a fundraising element as well. The funds POW raises are donated to the School and to the Charity chosen by the boys via the School Council. POW is not a Parent Teacher Association and is not involved in the administration of the School.

Activities we organise

POW traditionally organises **Bonfire Night**, the **Christmas Fair** and the **social side of Sports Day**. During the Autumn Term POW will be running another **Cinema Club** after school, to be held in the School Theatre. A date is being organised and the School Council will be voting for the films they would like to see. Further details will be issued on the POW website.

There is also a **POW Coffee Morning** at the end of each half term. This half term POW will be introducing **Halloween Goodie Bags** for the boys to buy at the POW Coffee Morning. POW will be launching a **School Christmas Cards** project for the Junior School, following a successful pilot run last year by Lisa Waters. POW will be continuing to sell **Christmas Wrapping Paper**, a popular fundraiser run by Caroline Taylor. Further details of both fundraising projects will be issued on the POW website. A highlight of the Term is **Mrs. Hill's Mothers' Christmas Lunch** which proved very popular last year, with Mothers receiving goodie bags!

Fundraising

The fundraising element of POW raised £5,000 last year, which has been distributed as follows:

- £1,000 to the Arts Department
- £1,000 to the Sports Department (Football and Rugby this time)
- £1,000 to Junior School
- £ 500 to Senior School
- £ 300 towards a Teachers night out
- £ 200 to the School Council

This year the School has expressed a wish to raise funds for Judo mats and for netting over the Junior School playground to guard against stray flying balls.

Volunteers wanted

POW already has 2 volunteers to fill Bonfire Night goodie bags and hand them out. POW is still looking for volunteers to sell hot dogs, hand out complimentary mulled wine, and 4 volunteers to wear attractive high visibility jackets and act as stewards.

As ever, the success of POW events and fundraising relies on the support of Willington parents and boys, Class Reps and other volunteers. As the new Co-Chairmen, we see POW as an opportunity to have fun and get together as a community, whilst at the same time raising money for the School and Charity.



Contact us

POW can be contacted on pow.school@yahoo.co.uk. We look forward to receiving your suggestions and volunteer e-mails.

POW will be updating the POW website with a view to making it more accessible to parents. The POW website is currently www.willingtonprep.ncpta.net

POW will be moving the POW post box to a more prominent position within the school reception area for the return of ticket requests and cheques for forthcoming POW events.

Dates for the Diary

POW Coffee Morning: Friday 16th October at 8.15 a.m.

Bonfire Night: Saturday 7th November at 6.00 p.m.

Christmas Fair: Friday 4th December at 3.00 p.m.



and finally...

A BIG THANK YOU

TO **MAJA SARAN AND NIAMH GUERIN**

FROM ALL THE PARENTS AND BOYS AT
WILLINGTON SCHOOL