



B.A.P.T.A Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils

As it has been some time since our last newsletter, we thought it was time for an update on what has been happening on the Banchory Academy PTA. Following the AGM last year there have been a few changes on the committee and some new faces too which has given us new ideas and projects for the new school year.

This year we thought it was time to take a break from the quizzes and ceilidhs (apologies to all the quiz teams and dancers out there!) and try something a little different which will raise much needed funds and also involve more of the community.

Full details of all these and other ideas will be sent out as they happen, but remember to keep up to date and get more information by checking out the Academy website: www.banchoryacademy.co.uk

SPRING RAFFLE

We're holding a Spring Raffle! Tickets go on sale 1st March, at various locations in the village & in the school.

The prizes will be "Themed Hampers"
Pamper, **Sporty,** **Tasty treats,**
Party night! **and more!**

All made up of donations from local businesses as well as from pupils families.

The draw will take place at the open "Arts Evening" at the school on Wednesday 9th May. All Welcome.

CAR BOOT SALE

We plan to hold regular car boot sales in the Academy car park. The first one is scheduled to take place in April.

Keep up to date on the website for more information on how to book your space



We raise funds to help pay for those extra things which aren't otherwise available. This year we are also focussing on the "all weather pitch" and hope to contribute £12,000 towards the cost of its resurfacing.

CLOTHES BANK

We are hoping to put a "clothes bank" donation point within the school grounds. All donated clothes will go to good causes while raising funds for the school.

GIFT AID COORDINATOR – Help Needed.

Every year, our youngsters take part in the wonderful "Sponsored Walk" event round Scolty. As part of administering the money raised we are able to claim an additional 20% through gift aid **because we are a registered charity.**

100 CLUB

Coming soon, your chance to join the BAPTA 100 Club. A one off £25.00 payment gives you two chances every month to win your money back while raising funds for the school.

Our Gift Aid co-ordinator, Sue, will be moving to pastures new and we now need a new volunteer to take on this role. It only happens once a year and does involve being able to use a spread sheet, so if anyone feels able to take this on, please contact Tania Cavanagh, BAPTA Chair or the school. Thank you.

The next BAPTA meeting is on Monday 27th Feb and new members are always very welcome. If you have any comments or suggestions please let us know via the school or website.
Tania Cavanagh Chair BAPTA