

# PTA Newsletter

Well another year has passed, and the PTA with help from the boys and parents have worked hard again this year raising lots of funds in order to give to Charity and buy items for the school. In March 2013 the very successful sponsored walk was back and we raised £2167.50 of which half was donated to The Chestnut Tree House Hospice for children.



On 10th November a group of 6th Form students, David Quick (headteacher), Anna Lovell-Knight (LSA) and Susanna Besley (PTA Chairperson) visited Chestnut Tree House to present the monies we had raised and to have a look around.

It was a very informative and thought provoking visit, and all the students behaved impeccably ( as did the adults!!). We were all amazed at the care and work that goes on at the Hospice. The Hospice costs £3 million a year to run, and this is all from donations, therefore our monies was but a drop in the bucket, however as we were told every penny goes straight in to helping the children have great care and a good time while they are there. We also discovered that for all the children and families that can be helped a great deal more cannot, as there are not enough spaces at Chestnut Tree House, which is very sad.



Please do look up the Hospice on [www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk](http://www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk)



Another funding raising was the Pot of Gold on Sports Day which is always popular, along with ice creams at the swimming gala and the South Downs run where we served bacon rolls and tea/coffee which again proved very popular and this year we were lucky to have the weather and we raised a record amount of £303.00.



We purchased plants from the National Trust, Punch Bag for the PE department, Car Purchase to help 6 Formers to learn to drive, Pots & Pans for Cookery Department, Ipad for the science Department, some tools for Green Power Club, Display Dummy for the Textile Department and the biggest project we have invested in is the Sensory Room for all the boys to enjoy.

**In fact we have spent over the year a total of £5,700, which has all been raised with everyone's help. So THANK YOU all very much for your Support.**

We are also this year offering advertising space in the newsletter and on the PTA notice board for a 12 month period for the sum of £10.00 per year. If you are interested please let me know either in writing, via Jenny or email [sharon\\_fielder@hotmail.com](mailto:sharon_fielder@hotmail.com)

There are lots of other things going on in and outside of school and here are two of them:



The first is Max Bird, who is a Karting Ace and is achieving lots for the future. Max has been Karting since he was 7 years old, he has developed a love for speed and

progressed from his local track to the National level in British Karting Championship.

Max is one of 12 young drivers from across the UK who are members of the Young Racing Driver Academy, which is run by Arden international Motorsport and has connections with the Red Bull F1 team, home of four times world F1 champion Sebastian Vettel. This includes PR support and most importantly regular driver training on their single seater racing simulator at the Arden factory in Banbury. The same simulator used by the Arden team drivers who race in the GP2 and GP3 and Max regularly drives the F1 circuits such as Silverstone.

Max is a student at Slindon College where he is studying for GCSE's, he trains hard and works hard to get where he is going and everyone can get what they want out of life if you work hard and do their best, Max's story is a great success story. If you want to know more and follow Max's you can follow Max's progress at [www.maxbird.co.uk](http://www.maxbird.co.uk) or on Twitter @maxbird35 or on <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Max-Bird-Racing/500982656662751>

The second is Jemuel Besley who took part in the Gift Art Trail in September 2014. This takes place yearly and a variety of Churches in and around Chichester take part and display art in a variety of forms for the Gift Art Trail weekend.

Jemuel's piece (pictured below) was submitted to New Life Church display, where the theme was Valued and this was very much used to hi-light the issue of Human Trafficking and to raise money for a Charity which works in this field called Hope for Justice [www.hopeforjustice.org.uk](http://www.hopeforjustice.org.uk).

Jemuel's piece was used to show how we value water in some parts of the world more than others, in the same way human life is valued more in some cultures than others.



Please note: if anyone has anything they would like to put in the next newsletter please let me know and I can put it in next time as we like to celebrate all the boys achievements. [sharon\\_fielder@hotmail.com](mailto:sharon_fielder@hotmail.com)

**We have had some requests regarding boys getting together, if any of the boys want to get together outside of school and you are not sure how to contact their parents, if you contact Jenny either via email or phone the school, Jenny is more than happy to put people in touch with each other.**

# Slindon College PTA

## Treasurer's Report for School Year 2013 – 2014

We Started the Year with

£4,089.25 in the bank

### We have spent Money on the following:-

Speaker	£ 200.00
Lotteries Licence	£ 20.00
The National Trust – trees for school	£ 82.25
Flowers – Treasurer Retiring	£ 25.00
School Magnets	£ 143.97
Punch Bag	£ 183.10
Swivel Attachment	£ 17.00
Car purchase	£1,000.00
Sensory room Equipment	£1,500.00
Pots and Pans for Cookery Department	£ 79.14
Ipad for Science Department	£ 295.89
Itunes Vouchers – Sponsor Walk	£ 55.00
Food for Southdowns Marathan	£ 50.55
Additional money for Sensory Room	£1,000.00
Chestnut Tree House Hospice (half Sponsor Walk Money)	£1,083.00
<b>Total:-</b>	<b>£5,709.90</b>

### We have Raised Money from the following:-

Summer & Autumn Subs	£ 420.00
Christmas Bottle Raffle	£ 346.00
Winter/Spring Subs	£ 440.00
Easter Sponsor Walk	£2,167.50
Summer subs	£ 445.00
Cash paid in from balance of cash float	£ 126.90
Pot of Gold/Swimming Gala	£ 78.50
Southdowns Marathon	£ 303.00
Balance from float	£ 50.00
<b>Total:-</b>	<b>£4,376.90</b>