



**School Year 2022/2023**



# *Fireworks Night*

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER  
5:30 - 7:30 PM

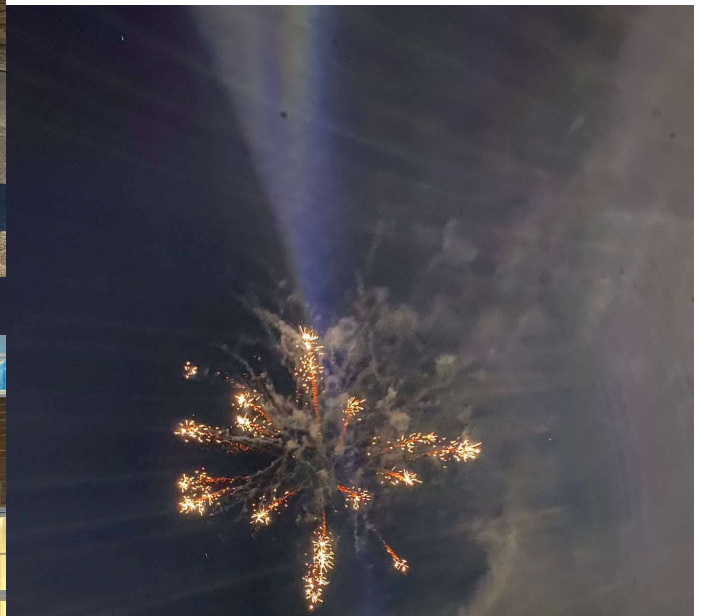
BLAST OFF 7:00 PM  
GAYHURST SCHOOL



THANK YOU for your support at this event, it was a huge success. We had approx. 180 requests for approx. 650 tickets. We were limited to a maximum capacity of 499 which includes staff and babies in prams (it is done by headcount) set out by our TENS licence. Tickets were assigned by a randomised draw system.

We sold out and raised **£2,371.67**







# Quiz Night

**£20**  
per Person

Friday 3rd February  
07:00pm-10:00pm  
Gibbs Hall, Gayhurst School

## What's happening

BOOK AS TEAM OF 8

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED FOR BOOKINGS

QUIZMASTER PROVIDED BY GAYHURST SCHOOL

CURRY MEAL INCLUDED IN TICKET

GPA BAR OPEN ALL EVENING

PRIZES FOR TOP SCORE AND  
BEST TEAM NAME

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## GPA Quiz Night 2023 - What a night!

Thank you to all participants, our Quiz Master, the Catering Team, Gayhurst School and the GPA volunteers for delivering such a fun night out! Grant has challenged all 12 teams on their knowledge and at the end the Year 1 Team "Beyonce Know'all's" won by one point to "I am Smartacus" (Y3), followed by the teachers table "InQUIZitive Staff". Best table name award went to Year 5 "Never Gonna Quiz You Up". Congratulations to all! Thank you for your generosity and donations towards the Tribe Freedom Foundation. The Quiz Night raised **£1,247.77**



# Quiz Night

## Participants

Teachers: InQUIZitive Staff

MIXER TABLE: All Mixed Up

Reception: Bucks Quiz

Year 1: Chalfont of All Knowledge

Year 1: Beyonce Know'all's

Year 2: Porsche for Thought

Year 2: Quizzing to Victory

Year 3: I am Smartacus

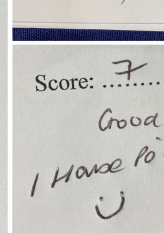
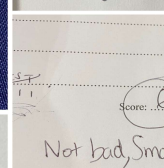
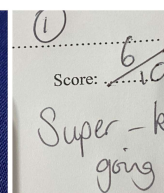
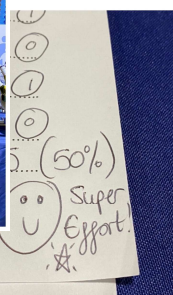
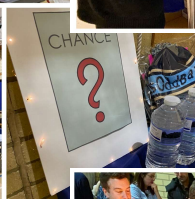
Year 4: Smartini's

Year 4: The Winning Team ...

Year 5: Never Gonna Quiz You Up

Year 6: The Joy of Six

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# Quiz Night

## RESULTS

### Top 3 Positions

1. Beyonce Know'all's - Year 1
2. I am Smartacus - Year 3
3. InQUIZitive Staff - Teachers

### Best Table Name

Never Gonna Quiz You Up  
Year 5

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## **GPA School Disco 2023**

Wow! The GPA School Disco held last Saturday was a resounding success:

- Over 270 children attended from across seven year groups, dressing in their finest and impressing us with their dance moves!
- Over 60 parent volunteers helped to set up and tidy up the Gibbs Hall, escort the children to and from Gibbs Hall, work tirelessly at the fun station, serve snacks and drinks and ensure that children were safe and happy. We simply couldn't have done this without them, so thank you.
- The disco was divided up into three time slots by age group to enable the music and games to be adapted accordingly - the event ran for over seven hours!
- The beautiful balloon arch served as a great focal point and provided the perfect backdrop for year group photos taken by Splat.
- DJ Leroy from Fizz Kids Birthday Parties worked his magic across all three time slots to keep the children moving and grooving and entertaining them with games.
- ELDRIC paid a visit to the junior school time slot, dancing with the children and posing for photos!

Thank you to all parents, children and to Gayhurst School for supporting the GPA in this event - all funds raised will benefit Gayhurst pupils.

The GPA

The School Disco raised **£1,708.24**



GPA

# School Disco

2023

with DJ Leroy

Volunteers

Gayhurst School

THANK YOU

Drinks & Snacks

Fun Station

Balloon Arch

Splaat Photo

ELDRIC



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School Disco

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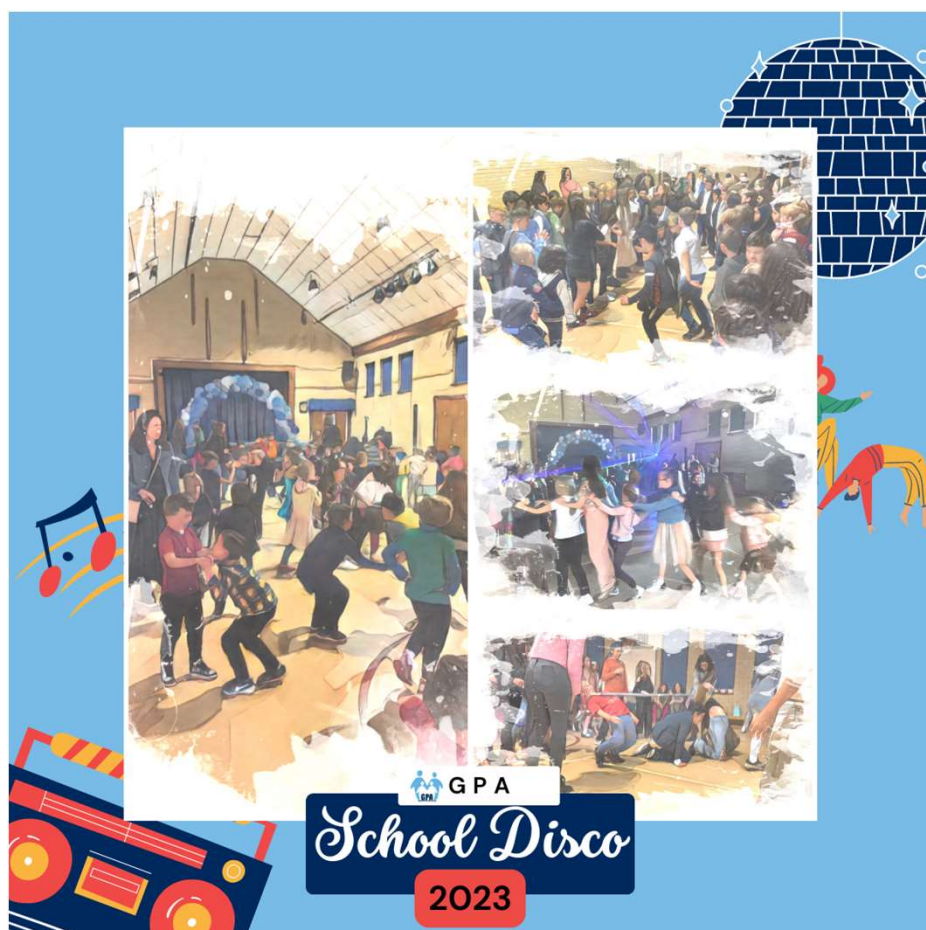


GPA

School Disco

2023









GAYHURST SCHOOL

# SUMMER FAIR

## SATURDAY

**17th June**

**12pm - 4pm**



### GOLD SPONSORS



### SILVER SPONSORS



### BRONZE SPONSORS





## Entertainment Leisure



Balloon Artist Dali Ballooni wandering around the Fair... how many can you find on this map?

Safari themed Bell Tent for some quiet time

Picnic Area with Deckchairs

Story Time with Actress Laura Haddock

## Food & Drink

Valencia Supper Club	PIZZA ADDICTS
Vinnie & Ted	Y2 Stall
ICE CREAM	Y1 Stall



## Entertainment Music

DJ  
Orchestra  
Choir  
DJ



ENTRANCE

## Shopping Arcade

Her Eden Glow	Woof Studio	Success Charity
La Rose Noire	Drapes & Beads	Pokita
Salsa King	S. Ranshi Art	DLG Academy
Orthodontist	Care Support	Mum & Baby

## Entertainment Sport

- Football with Football Icon
- Golf with Mr Cunningham
- Spike Ball with The Fit House

## GPA STALL

Tokens  
Raffle  
Merchandising



Gea Jewels	Success Charity
La Rose Noire	Drapes & Beads
Salsa King	S. Ranshi Art
Orthodontist	Care Support



## GPA SUMMER FAIR

### RAFFLE

1 STRIP of 5 = £1

Get your tickets and see us at the draw!



### Draw starts at 3:30pm!

Some of our Fantastic prizes, kindly donated by local businesses and supporters:

Noora Rashti Travel Agent: £100 voucher towards holiday booking over £2,000

The Mbabzi School Partnership: Toy Castle worth £100

Charlotte Tilbury goodie bag

DS Preston Garages: free MOT voucher

Got2Swim goodie bag

Urban Legends Doughnuts boxes

The Griffin Prosecco

ZELENS goodie bag

Planty Hayley Balloon Arch voucher worth £80 & Flower Print

Style Cheat: £100 shopping voucher

The Click Studios: Photo Session worth £270

The Glo Bar: treatment vouchers

GX Book Shop: Signed copy of David Walliam's Robodog

GX Book Shop: 6 x £25 vouchers

Martin Heys Golf: Summer Camp space

Dali Balloon: Signed Children's Book

Watford FC: Matchday Hospitality for 2 in August & £50 Club Shop Voucher

Fancy Pancy Bits & Bobs: Free day at Arts & Crafts Workshop in the Summer

Vinnie & Ted: Father's Day Beer Pack

Bottles of Champagne

GPA Goodie Bag & GPA Equipment

GPA: Tickets for the Fireworks Night for a family of 4

As well as fantastic donations from our Vendors!

Her Eden Glow, The Woof Studio, GX Specialist Orthodontic Centre, Premier Care Support, La Rose Noire, Drapes & Beads, Pokita, Gea Jewels, The Salsa King, Sharan Ranshi Art & Illustration, The Mum and Baby Doctor, DLG Adacemy, Your British Store, Success Charity, The Fit House

## GPA SUMMER FAIR

### TOKENS

1 TOKEN = £1



Spend your tokens on an array of GPA stalls\*:

1. Nursery's Name the Teddy stall
2. Reception's Bottle Tombola stall
3. Year 1's Cake Stand and Bake Sale
4. Year 2's Drinks and Treasure Hunt stall
5. Year 3's Bouncemania bouncy castle and inflatable obstacle course
6. Year 4's Jazzy Jars stall
7. Year 5's Smallest Disco in the World
8. Year 6's "I'm a Student - Get Me Out of Here!" stall
9. Football Icon activities
10. Golf Sessions

\* At non-GPA external stallholders, such as the stalls in Gibbs Hall and the food/drink vendors located in the Junior School playground area, you cannot use tokens for payment. For these stalls you will be able to make payment by cash or card in the usual way.

## GPA SUMMER FAIR

### Entertainment Programme

12pm: Doors Open

#### Leisure

12-4pm: Balloon artist Dali Ballooni

12-4pm: Picnic area with deckchairs

12-4pm: V&J's Safari bell tent for some quiet time

1:30pm: Story Time with Actress Laura Haddock

3:30pm: Raffle Draw

#### Music

12pm: RGM Music with DJ Raj

1pm: Gayhurst Orchestra

2pm: Gayhurst Community Choir

3pm: RGM Music with DJ Raj

#### Sport

12-4pm: Football Sessions with Football Icon

12-4pm: Play Spikeball with the Fit House

12-2pm & 3-4pm: Golf Sessions with Mr Cunningham

4pm: Doors Close



## GPA SUMMER FAIR

### Food & Drink

Wood fired pizzas by Pizza Addicts

Paella by Valencia Supper Club

Ice cream van

Homemade samosas & sweets and Pimm's and Lemonade sold at the Y2 Stand!

Vinny & Ted pop up bar selling craft beer, wine and spirits and gift beer packs!

Cakes, cookies, brownies and biscuits sold at the Y1 Cake Stand





## GPA Summer Fair - fundraising success!

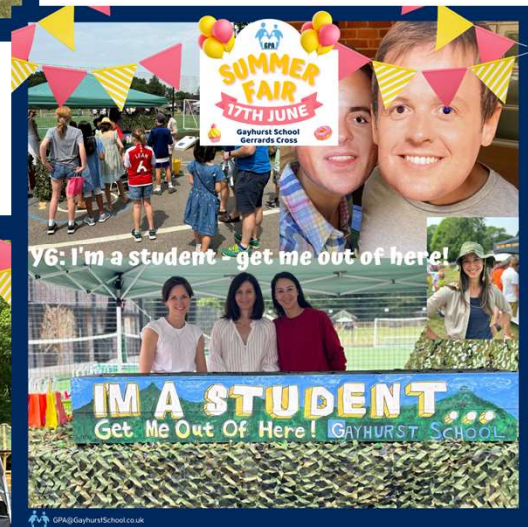
The GPA Summer Fair took place on Saturday 17 June between 12pm and 4pm at Gayhurst School.

There was a variety of fun stalls and entertainment, the weather was just glorious and families enjoyed everything on offer with enthusiasm! The images below capture the atmosphere and activities from the day.

Thank you all for coming, for fostering our wonderful Gayhurst family and community spirit and for helping us raise an incredible, record-breaking amount of **£5,616** for our school!

The GPA









Ice Cream Van



Coffee Van



Vinnie & Ted



Pizza & Paella



Music with DJ Raj,  
Gayhurst Orchestra,  
Gayhurst Community Choir



Football Icon: Beat the Goalie



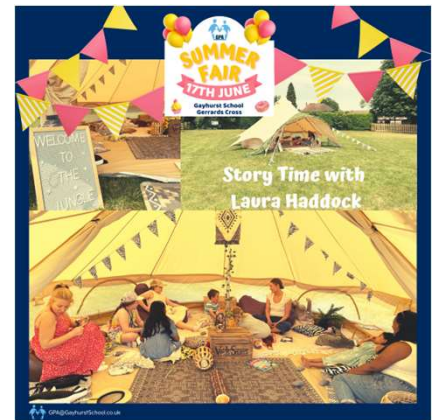
Dali  
Balloons



Raffle



Vendors



Story Time with  
Laura Haddock



# Other Charitable Support



Bobble Hat Sales made **£1,160.04**

Update from Grant Whitaker on his Marathon and Fundraiser:  
I thought I'd let you all know that I successfully completed the Barcelona Marathon at the weekend.  
Beautiful weather and an incredible crowd roared me on to a new PB!  
Thank you for all your kind donations to the Tribe Foundation Trust.  
My Justgiving page is still live at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/grant-whitaker5>  
should you wish to make a donation.  
A team of nearly 80 runners have now raised nearly £40,000! Thanks again for all your support.



**Thank You**

**Gayhurst School**

**663 KG**

Each gift makes an enormous difference to families and individuals who are most in need in our local community.

Approximately 10kg of essential food items and 1kg of toiletry items provide a single person with 3 days of emergency supplies.



Cross Country made **£403.35**



## EASYFUNDRAISING REGISTRATION COMPETITION! WIN £100 FOR YOUR NEXT PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

### What is Easyfundraising?

It's a free gateway to all major retailers that send a small percentage back to the GPA whenever you shop. Over the years, a mere 84 people have raised £4600 for the school just by shopping. Imagine how much we could raise if everyone signed up! It's totally free to you!

### Ways to shop:

1. Use the App on your phone or tablet
2. Go through the [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) from a web browser
3. Put the widget on your web browser. Wherever you shop, the widget will ask you if you want to donate

### How to register:

1. Click this link [Easyfundraise for GPA](#)
2. Download the App ([for Apple](#)) and ([Google Play](#))

### What's in it for me?

- The year group that reaches the highest number of registration per number of children in the year group by March 1st will get £100 towards a parents night out
- Your donations go towards funding things such as the new kiln, the library, the junior school canopy, Christmas events and gifts....

### Rules

- Parents, friends and family can all join
- Registrations must be reported and recorded by your year reps
- Registrations count towards all siblings year group e.g. a parent with 3 children will have their registration counted towards each year group as long as you report to all reps
- Existing registrations count so if you're already registered, let your rep know

So far this year we have received **£916.16**



# GPA SHOP:

## The backbone of the GPA

Second Hand Uniform Shop, run by GPA volunteers



The total funds raised for this school year year to date: **£3,811.74**



... Soon on new premises!

*September*  
**2023**

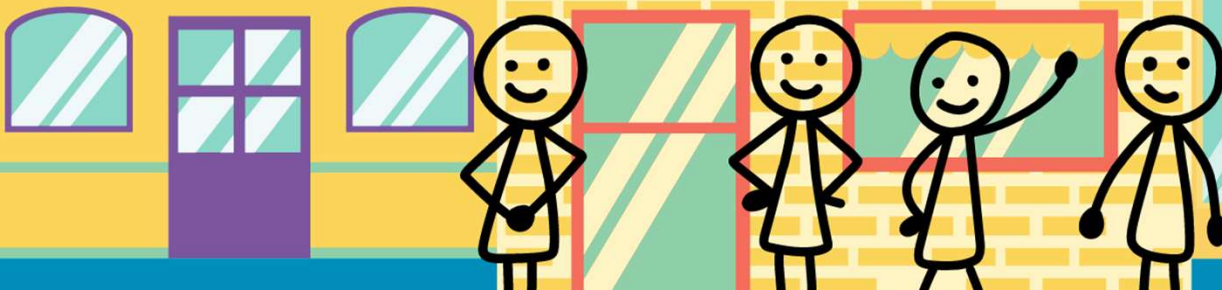


# *We Are Moving*

**Behind the Junior School, Maltmans Lane**

**Gayhurst School  
Shop**

**Further  
details to  
follow**





# Charity Support with Bag2School Collections



## Bag2School = Success!

On a cold and wet Tuesday morning, GPA volunteers gladly took Bag2School donations from the Gayhurst community - they weighed in at 394kg and raised £197! Combined with the money raised in October at the last Bag2School collection (£266), this brings the total monies raised to £463. The GPA has decided to top this amount up to **£500** and will be sending it to [Success Charity](#) shortly.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Kind regards

The GPA



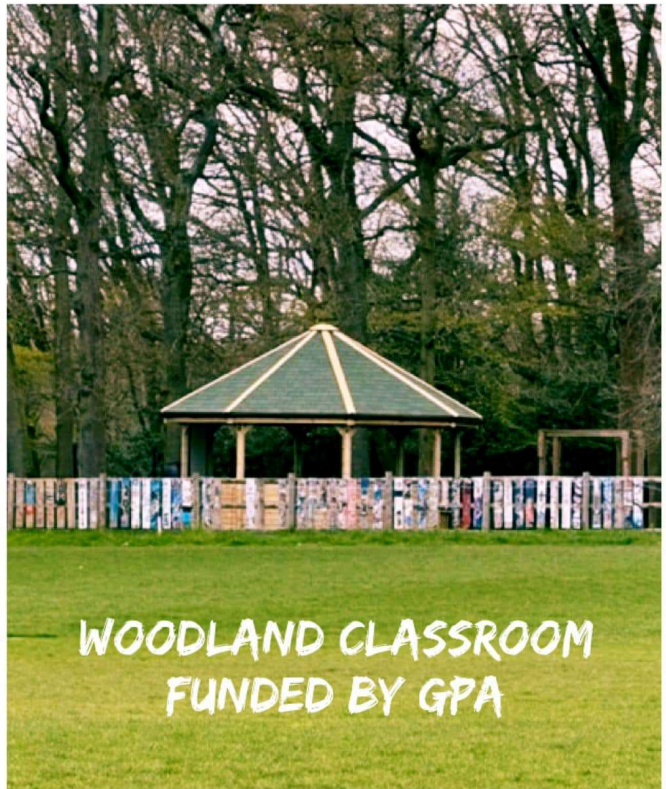
# School items funded by the GPA 2023/2024

Funds invested:

- Woodland Classroom
- Lego Education SPIKE Essential Set / STEAM
- Makerbot 3D Printer /STEAM
- Camcorder
- Blaze Pots /SPORTS
- Two Cricket Ball Feeders for the SPORTS Department
  
- TOTAL funds invested: **£21,124.67**

Thank you for supporting our events and fundraising efforts.  
It's great to see how it's all worth while and our children  
benefit from it!

# School items funded by the GPA 2023/2024



WOODLAND CLASSROOM  
FUNDED BY GPA



The GPA funded Woodland Classroom has been installed over the Easter holidays and will be ready for the children to use from this summer term.

Thanks to all of you who have supported GPA fundraising activities - so great to be able to provide this resource for the school





## Individual and Sibling Photos **Friday 7th October**

19 GPA Volunteers covered 10 slots across 6 hours for the Individual and Siblings Pictures taken by Splate. We brushed hair, cleaned faces and tidied up uniforms to make sure that the children all looked their best. Don't forget to register with Splate to view the pictures of your child. Thank you for your support!

Maria Walsh  
Chair



Rozet Shah  
Deputy Chair



Tonya McGee  
Secretary



Elizabeth Goater  
Treasurer



Welcome to the Gayhurst School Association, the GPA. Please find a brief introduction to the GPA, our aims, and tasks.

We have formed a new GPA board for this academic year with the following positions:

- GPA Chair: Maria Walsh (with children in Y3 and Y5)
- GPA Deputy: Rozet Shah (with children in Y5)
- GPA Secretary: Tonya McGee (with child in Y1)
- GPA Treasurer: Elizabeth Goater (with child in Y5).

The GPA board acts as an umbrella organisation for all year group reps, is responsible for organising fundraising events, allocating funds within the school community or for chosen charities and help foster a positive relationship between staff, parents and others associated with the school.

Furthermore, this year 31 parents have volunteered to act as year group representatives (Reps). Reps play a vital role within the Gayhurst community as they are responsible for welcoming and including new parents, organising socials, and acting as a link between the school and the parent body.

Another important pillar of the GPA is the GPA Shop and their 4 volunteers, who run the GPA Shop. The GPA Shop is situated on school grounds, at the back of the second / small car park. All of the aforementioned volunteers are parents of children currently attending Gayhurst who give up their time to serve the community, with the goal of raising funds for special purchases for the School and the benefit of our children. The GPA has funded various equipment acquisitions over the past years and has organised several events to simultaneously create a community feeling and raise funds. We appreciate your continued support.

There are lots of exciting events taking place over the course of the academic year and these are listed in the calendar on the Gayhurst website. Information will also be sent out via the School Office and the weekly newsletter as each event approaches. Other ways of communicating are social media such as WhatsApp groups, Facebook and Twitter. Please do not hesitate to contact the GPA with any questions or feedback and I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Kind regards

Maria Walsh, AKA Malina

GPA Chair 2022/2023 [gpa@gayhurstschool.co.uk](mailto:gpa@gayhurstschool.co.uk)



# The Role of a Year Group Rep

The main responsibilities of a class rep are to:

## School focused

- Act as a communication link between teachers and parents
- Act as a communication point for new parents joining the School
- Attend the Parents' Forum on a termly basis with the Headmaster

## Class focused

- Collate information for the contacts list and birthday list for your year and keep these up to date
- Arrange class collections for Christmas/Easter/end of year/leaving gifts for teachers
- Arrange social activities for parents and children, such as:
  - Coffee morning – at least one per term ideally
  - Parents night out – at least one per term ideally o Christmas Party for the whole year
  - End of year Party for the whole year
  - Holiday time get together/play dates

## GPA focused

- Sit on the GPA committee and attend meetings (normally one at the start of each term and then as the need arises)
- Cascade GPA information to the parents in the relevant class/year
- Co-ordinate GPA activities and help to organise GPA events
- Assist and support with GPA events and/or arrange for other parent volunteers to do so (this may sometimes involve arranging a rota for volunteers)

# GPA Communication

- Via School: newsletter, letters and messages
- Via Parent Body: regulated WhatsApp Groups set up by Year Group Reps
- Social Media Channels:
  - Facebook: @GayhurstGPA
  - Twitter: @GayhurstParents
  - Instagram: gpa\_gayhurst\_school



**It's time...**  
**...to pass the baton.**

THE GPA IS LOOKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT,  
AND WOULD WELCOME YOUR INTEREST IN BECOMING A YEAR  
GROUP REP FOR 2023/2024

The role of a REP is to support the school, year group and GPA by:

- acting as a contact point for new parents, and as a connection between teachers and the year;
- coordinating communications for year groups including maintaining contact lists and collecting feedback for the parents forum;
- organising social events for year groups;
- organising end of term gifts for teachers and leavers;
- supporting GPA activities and fundraising events.

Please contact your current year group reps  
or the GPA at [GPA@GayhurstSchool.co.uk](mailto:GPA@GayhurstSchool.co.uk) for more information.





## *Welcome Letter*

June 2022

Dear Parents

Welcome to Gayhurst School. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as the outgoing and incoming Chair of the Gayhurst Parents Association (GPA).

The GPA acts not only to arrange fundraising events and activities which benefit the school and chosen charities, but also provides opportunities for social interaction between parents, it is also a valuable parent contact with the Headmaster and staff.

There are lots of exciting events taking place over the course of the academic year and these are listed in the calendar on the Gayhurst website. Information will also be sent out via the School Office and the weekly newsletter as each event approaches.

The GPA can only continue its work with the help of parent volunteers. With this in mind, we would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to become involved in any forthcoming events or who wishes to act as a class representative.

The GPA is also there to help you settle into school life at Gayhurst. On another link on this induction page is a list of parents who would be happy to help by answering any questions you have, however large or small, in the coming weeks and months. Many of them have moved from other areas (including Internationally), as well as those who joined the school at various stages of school life.

Please do not hesitate to contact either of us or any of the parents listed. we look forward to meeting you all soon.

Kind regards

Julia Gordon, Malina Walsh  
**GPA Chair 2021/2022 and 2022/2023**  
gpa@gayhurstschool.co.uk

September 2022

## Start of Term Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Gayhurst School. Welcome back after the summer holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to (re-)introduce the Gayhurst Parents Association (GPA) to you, the Gayhurst community.

We have formed a new GPA board for this academic year with the following positions:

- GPA Chair: Maria Walsh (with children in Y3 and Y5)
- GPA Deputy: Rozet Shah (with children in Y5)
- GPA Secretary: Tonya McGee (with child in Y1)
- GPA Treasurer: Elizabeth Goater (with child in Y5)

I am pleased that a total of 30 parents have volunteered to act as year group representatives (Reps). Many, if not most, of you have already been contacted by a Rep and included in the respective year group chat. Should this not be the case, please do get in touch with the GPA on [gpa@gayhurstschool.co.uk](mailto:gpa@gayhurstschool.co.uk) and we will put you in touch with your year group Rep.

Reps play a vital role within the Gayhurst community as they are responsible for welcoming and including new parents, organising socials and acting as a link between the school and the parent body. Please do support the efforts of your Reps.

Another important pillar of the GPA is the GPA Shop and the 4 volunteers, who run the GPA Shop. The GPA Shop is situated on school grounds, at the back of the second / small car park. The GPA Shop operates and relies on parent donations of pre-loved Gayhurst uniform and sports kit in good condition, to be worn and appreciated by another child. Please watch out for the announcements of opening times.

All of the aforementioned volunteers are parents of children currently attending Gayhurst who give up their time to serve the community, with the goal of raising funds for special purchases for the School and the benefit of our children. The GPA has funded various equipment acquisitions over the past years and has organised a number of events to simultaneously create a community feeling and raise funds. We appreciate your continued support.

There are lots of exciting events taking place over the course of the academic year and these are listed in the calendar on the Gayhurst website. Information will also be sent out via the School Office and the weekly newsletter as each event approaches. Other ways of communicating are social media such as WhatsApp groups, Facebook and Twitter (please follow "Gayhurst Parents Association"). The GPA is preparing to launch its Instagram presence too! All with a view to keep you informed and stay connected.

Please save the date for the following events:

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Bag2School. A good way to clear out your wardrobes! Your donations will help us raise funds.
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Fireworks Night. Always a popular occasion.

Your Reps will also organise coffee mornings, evenings out and other socials for your specific year group.

Please do not hesitate to contact the GPA with any questions or feedback and I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Kind regards

Maria Walsh, AKA Malina  
**GPA Chair 2022/2023**  
[gpa@gayhurstschool.co.uk](mailto:gpa@gayhurstschool.co.uk)





# Winter Half Term Letter

October 2022

Dear Parents,

A very busy half term is coming to an end and I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your trust and patience, while all GPA members have been finding their way and getting things sorted, organised and planned.

During this term:

- The GPA Shop ladies have been busy and opened the GPA Shop three times this term. The next date is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October from 10-11am.
- We had our first in person GPA Committee Meeting in over two years!
- Your Reps have been busy organising socials for your specific year group, collecting money for teachers' gifts, updating contact sheets and volunteering on various occasions. Please keep supporting your Reps.
- Members of the GPA have supported the Cross Country Run organised by the School.
- GPA Volunteers helped collect and load the foodbank donations. Thank you for your generosity!
- 19 GPA Volunteers covered 10 slots over 6 hours for the Individual and Siblings Pictures taken by Splaat. We brushed hair, cleaned faces and neatened up uniforms for the children to look smart. Don't forget to register with Splaat to view the pictures of your child.
- GPA Volunteers stood in the cold for over two hours to collect and load 650kg of clothes donations for Bag2School! What an amazing team effort, which helped to raise £266 that morning!
- Last but not least, tickets for the Fireworks Night have been drawn and the majority of applicants have been successful. Thank you for your trust and cooperation in the process and we hope alternative solutions have been found for those who have missed out this time. We are looking forward to a lovely fireworks display on the 4<sup>th</sup> November!

More exciting events are taking place over the course of the academic year and these are listed in the calendar on the Gayhurst website. Information will also be sent out via the School Office and the weekly newsletter as each event approaches. Other ways of communicating by the GPA are social media such as WhatsApp groups, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (please follow "Gayhurst Parents Association"). Our aim is to keep you informed and stay connected with the Gayhurst Community.

Please do not hesitate to contact the GPA with any questions or feedback and I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Kind regards  
Maria Walsh, AKA Malina  
**GPA Chair 2022/2023**  
gpa@gayhurstschool.co.uk





# Spring Half Term Letter



February 2023

Dear Parents,

The GPA has been busy this school year and I would like to take the opportunity to showcase the various things we have been doing since the start of the academic year in September 2022:

- The **GPA Shop** ladies have been busy receiving, sorting and selling pre-loved Gayhurst uniform items. The GPA Shop is the backbone of the GPA and is open every two weeks during term time at drop off.
- Thank you for supporting your **GPA Reps**, they are being very creative and busy organising coffee mornings, dinners, events and kids entertainment. Christmas Gifts have been warmly welcomed by staff.
- The GPA has held two main fundraiser events: the **Fireworks Night** and the **Quiz Night**. Both events have been a great success and we are grateful for the generosity and support of the participating families. All funds raised will be invested for the benefit of our children and their school life.
- The GPA has **raised over £5,000!** We are pleased to inform you that the School has now **commissioned the build of a Woodland Classroom**, which will be installed during the Easter Break. The costs of the Woodland Classroom will amount to £15,000 and the funding for this is based on money raised by the GPA during both this academic year and last year. The Woodland Classroom will offer all children the opportunity to learn outdoors and enjoy nature in the process.
- The GPA is also proud to be **supporting other charitable causes**.
  - We have voted to support **Success Charity**, which will receive all funds raised by the Bag2School collections. The next collection will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. A representative of Success will be visiting a Friday assembly during February.
  - Our Quizmaster, Grant Whitaker is running the Barcelona Marathon for the **Tribe Freedom Foundation**. The GPA has been supporting and promoting Grant's efforts and we are thrilled by the generosity of our parents for all the donations to the Tribe Freedom Foundation so far.
  - Our very own Catering Team, run by Thomas Franks Catering is offering food for charities, cooked using surplus to requirement ingredients. The GPA is reaching out to find recipients for the freshly cooked dishes, which can be frozen. Please look up **Thomas Franks Foundation** for more details.
- Upcoming fundraiser events will be the **School Disco (Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March)** and the **Summer Fair (Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June)**. More details to follow.

Please do check the calendar on the Gayhurst website, where all GPA events are listed. Information will also be sent out via the School Office and the weekly newsletter as each event approaches. The GPA also communicates regularly by social media, such as dedicated WhatsApp groups, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (please follow "Gayhurst Parents Association").

Please do not hesitate to contact the GPA with any questions or feedback.

Kind regards

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# End of Year Letter



June 2023

Dear Parents,

As the school is coming to the end of our academic year, so too is the year for the GPA. Over the past year, we have been busy with various projects, such as Fundraiser Events, Charity Work, GPA Shop, Volunteering, interaction with Parents and the School, not to mention the investment of funds raised.

Our main fundraiser events were the Fireworks Night, Quiz Night, School Disco and the Summer Fair. The most recent event was the GPA Summer Fair and we are proud to say, that we raised a total of £5,616.03 with this event alone!! The estimated footfall on the day was ~1,000 people over the course of 4 hours. Thank you to all volunteers, GPA members, suppliers, sponsors, vendors and visitors! What a fun day it's been.

Other fundraising opportunities included a stall at the Cross Country run, sales of bobble-hats, EasyFundraising and the GPA Uniform Shop. Please, consider signing up to EasyFundraising and choosing "Gayhurst Parents Association" as your chosen charity. It doesn't cost you anything and can make a difference for our efforts.

## GPA 2022/2023 in numbers

### Funds raised in 2022/2023

Fireworks	£2,372
Quiz Night	£1,248
Disco	£1,708
Summer Fair	£5,616
Cross Country	£403
Bobble Hats	£1,160
Easy Fundraising	£916
Uniform Shop	£3,812

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**TOTAL funds raised:** £16,958.5

(as of 3<sup>rd</sup> July)

### Donations

Success Charity	£500
Refugee Crisis Foundation	£1,000
Other	£850

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**Total donated** £1,989.19

### Funds invested

Woodland Classroom	£14,346
STEAM items	£5,011
(3D Printer, LEGO Educational Set)	
Camera & Accessories	£479
Blaze Pots	£955
Ball Feeders	£334

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**Total funds invested** £21,124.67

The GPA has invested a significant amount of money back into the school, with the Woodland Classroom (Coronation Cabin) being the biggest investment. The main fundraiser for the Coronation Cabin was the GPA Summer Ball 2022, where we raised a grand total of £10,292.10. So, financing the Coronation Cabin has been an ongoing effort over two years! We are also delighted to have supported the STEAM department with 3D printers and an educational LEGO set, both proving very popular with the children. The Sports Department is making good use of the Blaze Pots and Ball Feeders for Cricket practice. The Camera equipment is being used by various departments and is an useful tool for teachers and their documentation.

Our bookkeeping is looked after by our Treasurer, Beth, who will report all numbers to the Board of Governors.

Our amazing GPA Shop Ladies have also been working hard over the past 12 months and within the renovation plans of the school, the GPA Shop will be moving to its new premises during the summer holidays - Ready to open for the new school year in a nice new location at "Little Gayhurst". The entrance will be from Maltmans Lane (SL9 8RW). Please keep supporting our GPA Shop by donating preloved Gayhurst uniform items, which are in good condition (and clean) and shopping some of your child's uniform with us. We also have new stock of Gayhurst Merchandise, which we hope you will like as much as we do!

In addition, the GPA and all Year Group Reps have supported school at Open Days, helped out during the photo sessions (individual and class pictures), supporting various charitable causes, such as the Tribe Freedom Foundation, Toy Collection for local hospitals, Earthquake urgent appeal and the Harvest collection. Our GPA Reps have been very supportive this year, working hard not only for their year groups but also supporting the GPA with their efforts. Thank you and good luck for the new, incoming Reps.

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Have a good summer and please do not hesitate to contact the GPA with any questions or feedback.

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### **GPA Communication**

- School Website: <https://gayhurstschool.co.uk/school-life/parents-association/>
- Via School: newsletter, letters and messages
- Via Parent Body: regulated WhatsApp Groups set up by Year Group Reps
- Social Media Channels:
  - Facebook: @GayhurstGPA
  - Twitter: @GayhurstParents
  - Instagram: gpa\_gayhurst\_school





## GPA Board 2022/2023

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September 2022 – June 2023

**Thank you!**