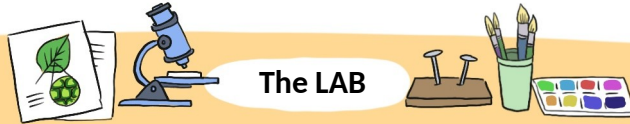




FRIENDS OF TYSOE C.E. SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - February 2024

We hope you all are having a great start to 2024, and you are looking forward to the warmer months! We have some news about our fundraising so far, and also some really exciting plans for the school for this year to share...



The LAB

Miss Groves is leading an exciting new project in school - creating The Lab!

The current art room, will be transformed into a practical, shared space for Science, Geography, Art and DT for the children. The Lab will have high desks and stool and microscopes and lab coats etc. to try to closely match a science lab in secondary school, which will be a really exciting and focused experience for the children to enjoy!

As part of this, we are really happy to announce that we have agreed to cover the costs of tables and stools for the new space (approx. £2275), so work can get started as soon as possible.

Look out for further news about The Lab, as there will be other initiatives to raise the extra money needed for things like microscopes and lab coats.

We will also be asking for parent volunteers to help come and paint the room, and a date will be provided shortly. In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact one of us or the school if you are able to help out in any way with this exciting project, or have any ideas for fundraising events!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

It was a while ago now, but we'd like to take another opportunity to thank everyone who came to, and helped out at, the Christmas Fair last year. We had so many people come forward to help out on the day and as a result we were able to not only raise a fantastic amount of money (£1353.61 in total!) but also provide a really wonderful and memorable experience for everyone who attended (including the local press who turned up to report on the event!). We already have the Village Hall booked for this Christmas! Until then, thank you so much to everyone who attended and lent a hand on the day!



LIBRARY BOOKS & TOPIC BOXES



Funds raised by the PTA are now being used for a book borrowing scheme for the school.

350 books will be on loan this year from Warwickshire Library Service, and available in the school library. These will be refreshed on an annual basis, so there will be a rolling stock of new and exciting things for our children to read throughout their time at school. In addition to this, the same company will also be sending 'Topic Boxes' containing non-fiction books and items/artefacts relating to the topic being studied by each class. These books and items will enrich their understanding and enjoyment of the topic they are studying each term!

OPAL - Outdoor Play and Learning

The PTA has been able to cover the cost of the hire of a wood chipper, which will be used as part of efforts to improve opportunities for outdoor play and learning around the school.



Please Note: Sports Bibs – We had originally planned to find some new Sports Bibs for the school, in House colours. After ordering some samples it was decided that as the bibs come in very limited sizes and all of our children do not, it would be tricky to get everyone in a correctly sized bib each time. Alternative options are being looked at!

CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with any of the following...

Bike Shed Builders

We are looking for volunteers to supply help build a new bike shed for the school! If you have spare timber or building materials, or you have construction skills and knowledge, and are willing to help us make the children a new, purpose-built bike shed then please get in contact with one of our members or the school.

Help Set up the Lab

If anyone would like to help setting up the new Lab space at school, we are looking at setting up a team of helpers to come in and tidy/paint/help set the room up. This is a really exciting project for the whole school and we are hoping to get the room looking and feeling really fresh and exciting for the children. If you think you can spare some time or could help in any other way, please get in contact with one of our members, or with the school directly!

Join the Cake Team

Limited on time but love baking? We are looking to set up a small group of parent bakers to be called upon to bake cakes and other treats for our various events throughout the year. There is no need to attend any meetings, just join the Whatsapp Cake Team group and whenever we plan a new event we will let everyone know!

If you can help with any of the above, speak to a PTA member or your class rep (for details please see below).

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DETAILS	DATE
Readathon	tbc	7 th March
Spring Disco	Location tbc. Get your song requests ready!	21 st March
Summer Fete	School Playing Fields	22 nd June

Thanks for reading,
Friends of Tysoe (PTA)

Chairman	Secretary	Treasurer							
									
Mike Pearson	Carolyn Lane	Lucy Gray	Nicola Cook	Sarah Crossweller	Emily Kariya	Laura Merriman	James Perry	Jen Randerson	Samantha Tait

If you have any questions or suggestions please do not hesitate to reach out to one of our members or the school.

Class Representatives for Whatsapp Group Chats

Beech – Lucy Gray • **Oak** – Laura Merriman • **Rowan** – Nicola Cook • **Silver Birch** – Jen Randerson • **Willow** – Alice Wragg