

WPTA Newsletter

Thank you for all the support

Before the end of the school year arrives, the organisers of the Summer Fair want to give a large **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make the fair such a fantastic event. Thank you also to everyone who attended, we've had lots of positive feedback!

First, we want to congratulate the Class Reps for organising their stalls, rallying for volunteers and endeavouring to keep costs low. Thank you to the Andies (Paxton and Heald) for stepping into the hot seats at the barbecue!

We are also grateful to the parents and teachers who carved time out of their busy schedules in the run up to the fair and on the day. Set up started just after lunchtime and teachers joining the effort after school helped with the final push to get everything ready for the 4:30 start. It's impossible to understate the dedication of all those who gave their time.



We also want to celebrate those local companies who gave free and discounted goods and services to support our fair:

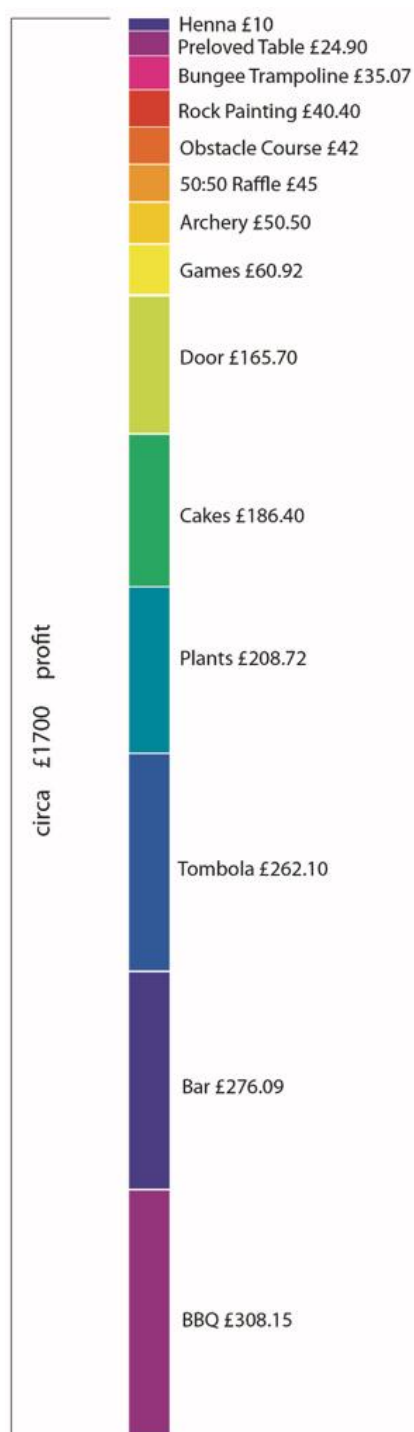
Meanwood Brewery donated a cask of their "As Within, So Without" beer. The Meanwood Brewery makes craft beers in a range of styles, and is focused on experimentation. Attached to the brewery is Terminus Tap Room and Bottle Shop, selling Meanwood beers alongside other excellent local products. www.facebook.com/TheMeanwoodBrewery/ and www.facebook.com/TerminusTap/

Perfect Personalised Gifts engraved the Weetwood half pint glasses and gave them to the PTA at cost. Perfect Personalised Gifts design, create and make gifts for all occasions. Whether you are looking for that perfect birthday present, a special anniversary gift or a funny stocking filler, we have a thoughtful gift for you. www.perfectpersonalisedgifts.com

RCA Fitness expertly ran the Obstacle Course. RCA Fitness runs B-FIT Health & Fitness Program, which includes outdoor bootcamp sessions, home and gym workout plans, nutritional and training help & advice, challenges, Facebook live Q&A sessions and much more! Kids age 6-16 can train for free alongside their parent/carer. [info@rca-fitness.com/](mailto:info@rca-fitness.com) 07834318249/ www.rca-fitness.com

The Three Horseshoes pub gave the WPTA a discount on its pizzas for the Summer Fair, as well as for the Christmas Fair and Film Night. The Three Horseshoes in your local family friendly pub, with delicious freshly cooked food served daily and weekly live entertainment. All are welcome.





Preparing the fair requires many decisions. Each one is made in a group with the goal of creating a fun and memorable event for families that also provides a surplus to be spent on our children. Last year we decided to move the fair from a Sunday to a Friday - a risk that has proven successful both financially and with family and teacher participation. We compromise by hosting the Summer Fair on a Friday and the Christmas Fair on a Sunday.

Organisers also deliberated on the start time and concluded that 4:30 is most fair. This allows parents arriving from work more time to get to the fair and enjoy the day with their children. There are also health and safety concerns for afternoon outdoor lessons when setting up large equipment or lighting the barbecue.

Sometimes, we decide to make very little money on main attractions, like the bungee trampoline, in order to provide the fair with a carnival atmosphere. As you see from the chart on the left, oftentimes the activities children love the most make the least amount of money, but still need several volunteers to run. These activities are the heart of the fair and create positive memories for the children.

Weetwood PTA organisers are always looking for new ideas and extra pairs of hands; if you think you could help, please join us next year! Active participation is very rewarding, and events evolve and improve when new volunteers join and add their ideas.

