

Dear Parents,

As this year comes to an end, the PTFA Trustees extend their heartfelt thank you for your dedication, service and community unity which has made this year such a success for Dunsford Community Academy. We are so aware of the time, sacrifice and effort that you have poured into the events throughout the year – thank you! We would also like to note that our charity's success would not be possible without the partnership of Mr Grimley and the Learning Academy Partnership, to which we are so grateful.

Our in-person Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 4pm in the new outdoor classroom (weather depending), and we will be able to share more details on the charity's performance then.

For now, whilst it is relatively fresh, I want to report on our wonderful Dunsford Show – this year we raised over £9,000 profit for our charity and the fulfilment of its mission. A massive thank you to everyone for the part you played in this.



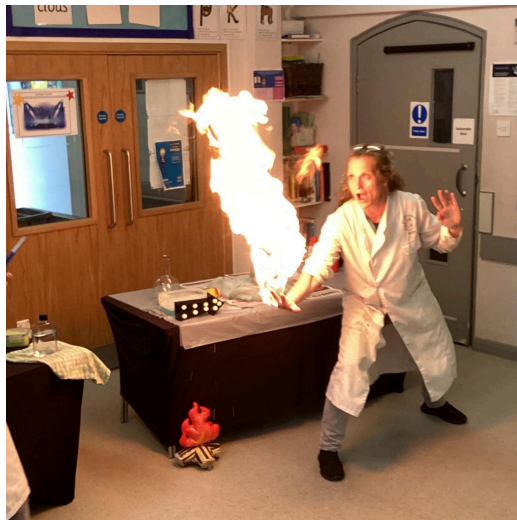
The Dunsford PTFA charity's money, from you, community, friends and neighbours of Dunsford, ensures that we can continue to give the children the best educational environment. (Greater credit and special thanks also go to the staff and volunteers at the school).

The PTFA charity's funds go towards 3 principal areas:

- 1- **Bursary** - to provide a means to invest into each year group, whether this is for classroom school trips and events, or providing for the educational extras, e.g. art week / science week; or responding to requests from the school council or eco-council etc..
- 2- **Swimming Pool** - the continued upkeep, maintenance, cleaning, products, equipment and servicing.
- 3- **Specific Projects** - Last year's project was to replace the swimming pool air source heat pump. For this year, and to celebrate the 150th Anniversary, we have the vision for a new outdoor classroom.



The new maypole purchased by the PTFA



Devon Science day funded by the PTFA

The Outdoor Classroom – The vision for this was shared in the spring term, and launched with a generous donation from Cranbrook Charity. We have continued with fundraising ideas by selling engraved metal leaves at a stall at the Dunsford Show, as part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations. This fundraising project will continue over the summer and start of the autumn term. Preparatory works for the outdoor classroom will soon be underway. We have been working hard to research options to ensure best value for money and that every £ raised gets the best return for the school. We will share more at the AGM but with your continued support of the charity, we can ensure this outdoor space will benefit every year group for decades or more to come. If you missed the first batch of leaves, we will be repeating a similar exercise in the Autumn



Looking ahead: A question we would like to ask, “How can I play my part?”

Giving and serving truly matters. We report regularly on the financial success of our events, but we don't often talk about asking those who have not contributed throughout the year to make time for the charity. However, this is important to prevent exhaustion. Whilst time can be one of the most valuable things we have, if we all invest a bit of it during the year, then your children, your school and your community reaps the benefit. The school trips, amazing swimming pool and extra in-class resources would not be possible without our fundraising efforts.

IMPORTANT – Charity Roles for 2024/2025

These roles will be elected/re-elected at the September AGM, please be thinking over the summer whether this is something you could consider doing:

- Trustee Chair / Co-Chairs (up for renewal, could be joint role or Chair and Vice Chair)
- Trustee Secretary (available should anybody like the opportunity)
- Trustee Treasurer (up for renewal with handover period, current treasurer has done 3 years and the role is due to be passed on)

Regards,

Julia Matthews, Alex Chown, Jenny Stones

PTFA Trustees