



# Dwight Parent Association Presents the Yearly Round-up



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# Welcome

Hello and welcome to the second edition to the Dwight Parent Association round-up. This issue is about the year we have just had. It will include an overview of what we have taken part in and what we have achieved over 2018-2019.

I would like to show my appreciation to all those who have helped throughout this academic year. To those who have attended meetings, taken part in the planning and shown their support by attending our events. I would also like to pay special homage to those who have assisted me with events, with the planning, executing and also for supporting us all with ideas to make the Dwight Parent Association a success.

Of course, my thanks to you, the parents. Without whom none of this would be possible. It is from your time, money, blood and sweat that these events go ahead and we are able to accomplish our goals of providing additional finance for the educational and social development of the children who attend the school.

I wish you a lovely summer whether you are travelling or exploring London.

Best wishes,

Angela Bridge  
DPA Chair





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# Social Events

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We have social events every month for parents to bring us closer as a community. Whether it be a large scale event or a small one, a lot of planning goes into these!

Michele O'Neill continued to coordinate the hidden gems of London with her *Out and About* trips, including both daytime and evening events. The group visited Chiswick House and Gardens, the Postal Museum Tour and Mail Rail, Haunted Pub Crawl, Dennis Sever's House and Dinner, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, All Star Lanes, Charles Dickens Museum, Thames Evening Pub Walk, Syon Park and Gardens and Darts at Flight club. We look forward to seeing where Michele will take us in September!

We also had several major events this year. Firstly, the annual Winter Fair, in which the Lower School had an afternoon to celebrate the season of winter with games, activities, arts and craft. We were able to raise £928.45.

February saw our first ever Casino Night which replaced the traditional quiz night. We were able to make a staggering £1,987. This was followed in March by the annual International Evening. A night that is usually held on a cold November evening, this springtime event added an additional £540.51.

The year ended with another annual event just last month with the Summer Fair. This fair weathered day brought the school community together and we managed to raise £1835.60

In between these events, the Dwight Parent Association planned and managed two discos; Halloween disco organised by Year 5's class rep Geri Valova and Katie Shmuel in October and Language and Literature week in March led by Year 6's class reps Clay Kelly and Katja Gaskell.





# Cake Sales

From January, each year group in the Lower School took responsibility to arrange and manage a Cake Sale. This was led by each class representative and cakes were donated by the families in that year.

Here's what was raised!

Month	Year	Amount Made
January	Kindergarten and Reception	£119.05
February	Year 1	£115.20
March	Year 2	£123.00
April	Year 3	£131.00
May	Year 4	£128.00
June	Year 5	£130.00
June	Year 6	£123.50

Congratulations to all classes, but especially to Year 3 for generating the biggest income. We would like to thank every parent that donated cakes and their time for these sales. We do have a special thank you to Sharon Simmons, who assisted in every Cake Sale.



# Classlist

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To create a closer parent community, Dwight are now using Classlist. Classlist allows you to tap into the support of the school gate wherever you are. It's an inclusive and secure way to communicate with all parents, helping parents connect and be there for each other.

The advantages and features of classlist include;

- Used by hundreds of thousands of parents, in over 2500 UK schools and 30 countries
- Parents share information, exchange help and make family friends on a secure platform built for school communities.
- Recent award-winner at the world's biggest education technology event.
- Can't remember a mum or dad's name? Look it up quickly on the contacts list.
- Need a copy of that lost homework sheet? Post to your class or year group to see if someone can help.
- Find a trusted recommendation. Ask other parents on the Marketplace.
- Meet up and make new friends. Organise a parent meetup or children's playdate, even if you don't know everyone's contact details.
- All the class groups in one place. Parents are automatically added to their class group when they sign up.
- Send free, secure messages to other parents via the app.

With Classlist, parents are able to stay in control of their contact details. They decide exactly which contact details they wish to share.

Classlist provides a trusted & secure platform built for school communities. We have our own private site. Parents are verified before they can join. Entirely GDPR compliant & ICO certified.

At present there are 99 parents from the Lower School and 87 parents from Upper School. It is our aim that every parent joins Classlist and posts their questions and any information that can be shared with other parents such as fun things to do during school breaks.

# Used Uniform Sales

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The lost property box is a great source of income for the DPA with unnamed and unclaimed items being resold as well as donations from parents who are either buying the next size up or leaving the school. This year the school uniform has undergone a huge cull. Anything not in a decent and wearable condition is removed and donated as fabric. Sharon Simmons undertook the task to sort, wash and iron every single piece and made sure that they were all sorted in size and item order into boxes. The boxes made an appearance at every Coffee Morning at the beginning of each term as well as at our Book Fair, Winter and Summer fair and at the Back to School BBQ. Thank you again Sharon.



## Easyfundraising

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The DPA joined easyfundraising as a simple way to raise money just by shopping online with 3,600 big name retailers. It is simple to use and most importantly, it is free. For this year, users have made £78.47. Thank you to Juliana Van Cleve for being one of our big spenders and raising the most!

# Why join the DPA?

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The Dwight Parent Association is an association made for the parents of children that attend Dwight School London. Membership is automatic and free. For those who are active members, our goal is to assist the school to improve the overall experience of every child in the school. This past year, we have become a registered charity and have worked hard to establish a stronger community within the school and with our surrounding community.

The DPA organises a number of events with the help of volunteers. This year we have had a 'Welcome to the School' and a 'Welcome Back BBQ', two discos for the Lower School, our first Casino Night, an International Evening and multiple Cake Sales. We have also assisted in an International Breakfast with a Fun Run and two Book Fairs. The funds made from these events all come from you and your children and these funds will be used to support all the children at Dwight School London.

## How you can help?

Meetings take place at both sites twice a term in the morning. These meetings involve planning for the next events and deciding with the leadership team, what to spend the money raised on. Meetings are open to anyone to attend and we welcome everyone to come along to help us shape the DPA and move it forward. We are contactable at [dpa@dwrightlondon.org](mailto:dpa@dwrightlondon.org) or you can come over to our booth for more information.

Help is needed in all areas from being a representative and of course planning and running events. We are always in need of gifts for raffles and company sponsorship.

But it's not just about fundraising the meetings and events create a sense of community within the school. There are monthly trips known as Out and About that gives those new in London an opportunity sights not widely advertised and for locals a chance to rediscover their home town. The DPA encourages friendships. We often share information on the Classlist app about things happening in school and in the local area. In fact, the growing community spirit in and outside of Dwight School London is one of the great things about our school.



# DPA Fundraising

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The ultimate goal of the DPA is to fund the provision of extra resources we, with guidance from the leadership team, think will best serve the majority of students of Dwight School London. The DPA funds has been used for a variety of small and larger projects.

## What we have raised money for this year

- The Talent Show: The DPA provided £202 towards the prizes and decoration of this annual show.
- The Choir Festival: The sum of £600 was given to support another annual event to purchase t shirts, and support a social event for the students taking part in the day.
- Goggle VR Boxes: We purchased these for the Lower School and they have already been put to good use!
- G.A.S.P (Group Action Stopping Pollution) *"Bring a plant to school day"*. We supported this initiative by donating funds for plants across the Upper School.
- Additional playground equipment was purchased for both the Upper and Lower School.

## Special thanks to:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the companies that have supported the DPA's events.

- Poker Vision
- Just Cos
- The Haven Bistro
- Ekta and Nishant Indian Cuisine
- Jim's Ice Cream Van
- Austin Chambers
- The Little Bus Company
- The Pro Football Academy
- Arnos Grove Cars
- Holroyd Howe
- Clare Havill
- London Academy of Gymnastics and Dance
- Elite Design
- Storksens Nordin Nails
- Barrett and Coe
- Amazon
- Focus

# Staff Appreciation

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In the spirit of Staff Appreciation Day, Wednesday, 3rd July, the DPA would also like to offer our thank you's to the specific staff members who support and encourage in a variety of ways. These include:

- Alison Cobbin
- Mary Langford
- Matt Parkin
- Chris Beddows
- Kate Hornshaw
- Karen Strickland
- Rachel Allman
- Silvia Harriman
- Paul Streatfield
- Domenico (Dom) Damis
- Stanley Nyanhi
- Jan Kraft
- Victor Mastordis
- Tejinder Rajput
- Barry Rosendale
- Nora McCormack
- Dee Guerin
- Sophie Kraft
- Anne Welch
- Mylene McCullough and
- Ginka Mastoridis
- Aruna Hewagamage

And of course our thanks extend to the D1 students who supported events in order to gain their CAS points and of course to you the parents and your children.

Without your time, donations and efforts, none of which we have achieved would be possible.

# Goodbyes

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As always it is the end of the school year which means we again have to say goodbye to some parents who were active DPA members.

Lester Davis will return home to the states. He has served as class rep for his class for the duration of his stay in the UK.

Claudia Maceroni has acted as Class rep as well as an active supporter of the DPA.

Suki Hawkes is also leaving and has been a really wonderful supporter at all of our events.

Candan Mcmillan is not leaving the school but has decided to stand down as the association treasurer after providing us with her financial knowledge for the last three years.

I hope you enjoy the summer and look forward to seeing you again in September.

To become actively involved in your Parent Association and assist in the planning of events such as these, please contact Angela at [dpa@dwightlondon.org](mailto:dpa@dwightlondon.org).





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