

Newsletter 2011: Welcome to our last Newsletter of this academic year . . .

What a fantastic year! We can not believe that this year has passed so quickly. We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Year 11s (and their families) who will not be staying on in the new Sixth Form: we wish all those who are leaving the Academy every success in their future endeavours. We have all enjoyed representing you on the Friends' Committee this past year and hope that you have taken advantage of meeting with us when we have been out and about at the Academy. We love to hear your views and opinions, so please do consider joining us next year. Over the last half-term we have been involved in:-

Old Coulsdon Village Fair: the big community day finally arrived and the sun actually shone on us whilst we put our heads together to try and erect the gazebo. After much head scratching, the stall was finally assembled and with the help of student volunteers, we set about trying to sell 1200 Krispy Kreme donuts. After much fierce trading against stiff competition from the ice cream van, we managed a complete sell out of the donuts and all our tasty fruit pots, enabling us to take a whopping £950! We were supported by Mandy Flynn from Barclays with an employee matched funding scheme for our stall which has helped us to massively boost our profit.

Employee Matched Funding: the additional funding from Barclays really boosted our profit figure for the Village Fair. Many other organisations run an employee matched funding scheme for their staff. This obviously has a huge impact on the sums of money that we can raise from just a **small amount of your time**. We would be grateful if parents/carers could contact their HR departments to see if such a scheme is on offer to them.


Grand Summer Raffle: we had some fantastic prizes up for grabs including Go Ape tickets, a day out at Hever Castle and passes for the London Tombs Experience. We asked Mr. Millar to pull the 22 winning tickets from the hat and all the winners have now been notified; the details are advertised on the Academy website. Thank you for your support in purchasing the tickets. We raised £156 and we hope the lucky winners enjoy their day out!

Support Your School re-cycling scheme: you have so far helped us to raise £134.50 by re-cycling your old mobile phones and used printer cartridges. This scheme will be running throughout next year, so please keep them coming in.

We could not have done it without you! Our fundraising total for this academic year is just over £3,000 **and we have spent your money on . . . a Defibrillator for the new building . . . the Year 11 Yearbook for students . . . an Academy Sport's Shield and Family Trophies . . . Sport's Medals . . .** If you would like a say in how the money is spent next year, then come along to our next meeting in September.

And to next year: building on what we have achieved this year, we have some great ideas for next year, including a Christmas Fair & Food Market; a Valentine's Ball; our popular annual Quiz Night; and a Family Fun Day. We hope that you all have a restful Summer break and we look forward to welcoming new members from September.

Keep up to date with us by:

- Following us on  twitter at www.twitter.com/OasisCoulsdon
- Checking out our Diary Of Events on the Academy website
- Emailing us on foac@oasiscoulsdon.org
- Downloading our Meeting Minutes from the Academy website

You are represented by:-

Nightingale: Mark Pelling, Marion Jones, Kate Taylor, Alison Fitzwalter, Claire Taylor, Russell Taylor, Henrietta Westergaard-Belcher, Tracy Lavelle **Brunel:** Tracey Jeal, Claire Taylor, Reena Ramus, Sam Smith **Da Vinci:** Sue Buckingham, Dawn Lockyer, Graham Day **Curie:** Jacky Vasili **Luther King:** Jackie Hann, Clare Howe **Independents:** David Millar, Simon Orr

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 13th September at 6.45pm in The Diner at the Academy.