

The logo for Grafton PTA features the word "Grafton" in a green, cursive script font, positioned above the letters "PTA" which are in a large, bold, white sans-serif font with a thick black outline. The entire logo is set against a solid purple background.

HELLO....

But our activities are not only about making money. The activities are an opportunity for parents, children and teachers to spend time together, to have fun and to build the connections that create our lovely community and personally, this connection has been something I have really valued in the last year.

A large collection of colorful children's books is displayed on a white surface. The books are arranged in a somewhat overlapping manner, showing various covers with illustrations of animals, fantasy characters, and nature scenes. Titles visible include "Wonderfully Wired Brains", "The Legacy of Matriarch", "Light", "Like Life", "I Can't Wait", "Ant Story", "Fish", "Earthsea", "Artemus Fido", and "Gardenale". The books vary in size and format, including hardcovers and board books.

This year we also trialled the use of Superkind to help collect sponsorship for Run Grafton Run. Despite some initial hiccups, it has worked really well and we all raised an amazing £2970 in sponsorship. The 10 children that created their own page within Superkind raised over 40% of this by creating and sharing their own personalised page. Well done!

GRAFTON PTA NEWSLETTER



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WE NEED YOU!



The PTA and all our events are managed and run by volunteers who do this alongside their regular jobs. We love to keep these events to keep going and continue making Grafton an even better experience for our children. But we can't do it without you. We NEED YOUR HELP. Some key PTA members are moving on and without new volunteers, these events just can't happen. Whether you would like to join the PTA planning team, help organise or run a stall, make food or help on the day. Every bit of support really counts.



Please come along to the PTA meetings next term or contact us to see how you can help.

OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE



Regular Donations: Regular donations can help us plan future events and can be boosted by Gift aid.

Any amount is appreciated and can be set up via Standing order. Please contact us to find out more.



Cooking & Baking - committing food for our events and tuck shops



Prize Donations - do you work for a business that can donate something for a raffle prize?

Popular prizes include meal vouchers, salon vouchers, or experience vouchers. We are also looking for a large "hero" prize for the raffle.

Matched Funding - many employers will match fund or make a one-off donation to the charity that the employee volunteers with. As the PTA is a registered charity, we would qualify for this scheme.

Please ask your HR department and get in touch with the PTA if your organisation offers this.

THANK YOU'S AND GOODBYE

I want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers and helpers this year - both parents and teachers. For the PTA committee who do SO much work behind the scenes, and for the people who organised, who project managed, who helped set up and clean up, who face painted, who organised raffle prizes, who donated raffle prizes, who created and built, who ran stalls, who baked, who cooked, who ran, who gardened, and all of you who gave your valuable time to make these events happen.

I would like to thank the year 5 children who spent many many hours making beautiful bracelets to sell at the summer fair, all proceeds of which you donated towards your year 6 residential next year.

And Finally - a thank you and good bye to Po, Cat and Yusef who have been a big part of the PTA for years. We will miss you. Thank you! You were brilliant!