

PTA news

Happy 2021! Let's hope we can meet in person soon, but in the meantime we still need your support because so many of our usual fundraising activities have not been possible. However, there are still lots of ways you can support the school.

Recent events

The PTA were pleased to support the school in running the sponsored Use Your Imagination event over the autumn half-term, and we are delighted that over **£1,977** was raised.

The Fabulous Family Quiz held in November was a fantastic evening of fun and laughter hosted by our very own Langtree parent and governor, Jesse Cleverly. The evening raised an amazing **£1,195** – the majority of which will support the science lab refurbishment programme.

The Christmas holidays saw the launch of our Wonderful Winter Walks – six walking routes within the Langtree catchment area, all with questions to answer as you walk around. To date this initiative has raised over **£400**.

Upcoming events

Wonderful Winter Walks will continue until the end of the Easter holidays although we might need to change the name!

Routes can be purchased [here](#) or from the PTA page on the school website.

After the success and fun of our first quiz we will be holding **Fabulous Family Quiz 2** on Friday 12th March.



For this quiz you will be able to play in teams of 1–3 households. More details can be found on the PTA page of the school website. Tickets can be bought

Donations to the school

We are delighted to announce that we have been able to purchase two Chromebooks that can be loaned to students working from home as well as a laptop for the science department and a video camera for the PE department. We have also been able to support the history department with subscriptions to the Historical Association and *BBC History* magazine.

Children in school may have noticed a shiny new bench which was very kindly funded by Oxera, an economics consultancy in Oxford, after an approach from a member of the PTA to their community giving scheme.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that we have raised **£6,000** towards our target of £10,000 for the refurbishment of one of the science labs. This will be an ongoing project until all the labs are refurbished.

Support the PTA while you shop

There are three different ways you can raise money for the school at no cost to you. These retailers will donate to the PTA when you make purchases with them.



We are delighted that the Co-op has chosen us for the Co-op Local Community Fund. This means for the next year every time you shop at the Co-op you could be raising money for Langtree. All you need to do is sign up online as a Co-op member (if you aren't already), download the app to your phone, select the Langtree School Association as your chosen cause, and then scan the QR code on the app every time you shop at Co-op.



We are also signed up to receive donations from Amazon. You can do this by shopping at [smile.Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk). You can log in using your existing Amazon account – just make sure you select Langtree School Association as your chosen charity.

If you shop with Amazon via their app you can also enable Smile on the app. Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the instructions to activate it.



This amazing website and app generates donations for the school when you shop at big retailers including John Lewis, Boots, Sainsbury's, Argos, Marks & Spencer, Tesco, Currys PC World, Waitrose, Boden, Screwfix, H&M, Debenhams and Sports Direct. Sign up on the website or download the app, and select the Langtree School Association as your chosen charity. Just remember to shop through the Giving Machine website or app when you want to make purchases with these retailers.

If all the school community used these apps we could raise an **extra several hundred if not thousand pounds** a year.

Corporate match funding

Do you work for a company that offers corporate match funding or a corporate giving scheme? Depending on the terms of the scheme your company offers, potentially just helping out in a small way for a PTA event could **double** the amount raised. We would be very grateful if you could check your employer intranet, portal, handbook or noticeboards to see if they offer this type of community support. You can contact us on any of the PTA email addresses shown below to discuss this further. We'd love to hear from you!

Keeping in touch ...

All major PTA events are advertised via the school weekly newsletters but we also keep a list of email addresses of parents who want to receive meeting minutes and are willing to help out at events either regularly or on an ad hoc basis. Please email the secretary email address below to be added to this list.

The PTA committee

Co-chairs	Helen Scurr & Vicky Weller	Email: pta-chair@langtreeschool.com
Treasurer	Catherine Jarvis	Email: pta-treasurer@langtreeschool.com
Co-secretaries	Simon Lewis & Gillian McCoy	Email: pta-secretary@langtreeschool.com
Minutes secretary	Dilys Carson	