

# Parents and Friends of Ruthin School Newsletter



**SPRING TERM 2009**

## **THIS ISSUE**

**BELATED HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE RSA!  
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*Belated Happy New Year*



*From our Chair Tracey Kerrigan*

Ruthin School Association would like to wish all parents and friends of the School a Happy New Year. The Team hope to bring you some new events this year (some fundraisers and some mainly for pleasure), in addition to our Annual RSA Ball, and what is fast becoming another regular feature on the calendar, the RSA Ladies Luncheon.

In the last School year, the RSA raised the princely sum of over £5.5k. This added to funds from previous years, has meant that we have been able to finance a number of "significant extras" for the benefit of the children. For the Junior School we purchased a whole new state of the art ICT network, with new PCs for every classroom and the requisite, hard and software required to link this with the new Senior School ICT Suite. We have also replaced the second school minibus to a better specification. In addition, we have purchased a new projector, three trikes for the Foundation class, a megaphone for the headmaster (!) and we continue to support the "Aquad" water dispensers throughout the school. "

We hope that you will continue to support the RSA over the coming year. We welcome help from

everyone, parents, guardians, friends, teachers and pupils. You don't have to be a committee member. You can support us in many ways - by coming along to our fundraisers, donating prizes for our raffles or auctions, sponsoring our Ball, and Luncheon programmes, by giving us "hands on help" at events (e.g. selling raffle tickets, manning a stall, helping with the BBQ), helping on the rota of the RSA shop and by joining our 125 Club. We also welcome new members on to the Committee, which meets monthly during term time. We are particularly keen on new ideas to help us in our quest. Contact us via the School Office.



## **CHARITY AUCTION**

The Charity Auction held in October was a great success and we would like to thank all those who attended the event and those who donated items for us to sell. The RSA made £964 on the day and donated £283 from the profits to Nightingale House a local charity giving palliative care to patients and support to their families.

## **BONFIRE/HALLOWEEN**

Everyone enjoyed the traditional fireworks, tug of war and barbeque held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. For the first time we also had Halloween fun and games for the younger children. A good time was had by all and the RSA made a small profit from the sale of refreshments. Once again thank you for your support!



## **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE/COFFEE MORNING**

The Junior School held its first Christingle Service; to start the proceedings some of the younger pupils spoke about what Christmas meant to them. This was followed by every member of the School exchanging their collection candle for a Christingle. Their candle contained money which the youngsters collected on behalf of

the Church of England Children's Society. The meaning of the Christingle was outlined and the candles lit. The service ended with a Christingle song. The RSA organised a coffee morning after the service giving parents a chance to relax and chat.



## **CHRISTMAS CRACKERS QUIZ**

The RSA held an entertaining evening starting with highlights from the 'Ruthin's got talent' evening featuring piano and singing solos and ending with a superb street dance. The Christmas Quiz followed with some very demanding questions testing the recall of both adults and students. Food and drink refreshed the competitors who also took part in a tombola and raffle. The evening was very enjoyable and helped raise funds for the RSA.



## **Future Events**

### ***RECITAL/WINE TASTING***

Date to be confirmed

The RSA are currently arranging an evening of classical music and wine tasting!



### ***CHARITY LADIES LUNCHEON***

The Charity Ladies Luncheon will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. This is always a very popular event. As usual all the profits from the luncheon will go to charity. Details to be confirmed.

### ***SUMMER BALL***



The annual Summer Ball will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June and this year's theme will be "Typically Tropical". Dust off your grass skirts and put the date in your diary!



### ***RSA SHOP***

At the moment the shop is open on Fridays between 4.45 and 5.15 pm. Paula Dowell and Sue Hall are doing a fantastic job manning the shop and keeping it well stocked, but they are keen to extend the opening hours so that an appointment service is available for parents who cannot make the Friday slot. If you have some free time and would like to help Paula and Sue man the shop contact them via the School Office.

### ***BAG2SCHOOL***

Over the last two years the school has participated in the Bag2School scheme whereby our "jumble" is collected and we are paid in return by the weight taken away - we have raised over £300!

Bag2School is interested in collecting quality second hand ladies', men's and children's clothing, as well as bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags. All items are for **RE-USE**. No Bric a Brac Please

Our next collection from school will be on March 11th with the blue bags being sent home with pupils early in February, (although any bags will do.)