



Dear All,

I hope you had a relaxing and fun Halloween half term. We had a fabulous time, as did many others, winding our way around Ben Rhydding looking at the Fabulous Pumpkin Trail organised by Sarah Brooke. A huge THANK YOU to Sarah and all the decorators for a wonderful Trail. The trail raised £545 and we are pleased to say the money will be released immediately to enable the first item on the wish list, The Glockenspiels, to be bought! I imagine there will be great musical photos to come in future newsletters.



The troughs are also underway allowing warm water for little fingers in the forthcoming winter months.

Thank you to all those who ordered Christmas cards etc and thanks to Gillian for organising this. These obviously will be delivered in the run up to Christmas.

As we run towards Christmas in the next couple of weeks, we will be offering the chance to buy

1. your son/daughters face on a tea towel in their own artwork... They make great gifts for yourselves, family and friends and for some of you lucky few you will still be able to look back to when your child "I drew a door" with fondness!!!!
2. A Calendar made up of photos from all year groups of school and the activities the school gets up to....



We will also be hosting a Christmas Quiz to get into the mood of Christmas.

Please remember this year there will obviously be no Christmas fair and as a result we will lose a fair amount of our income. We have chosen to keep the price of tea towels and calendars at the lower end of



the fundraising scale as we do not want to see anybody lose out on ordering something their child has contributed towards. Our next mission is to fundraise for the library. We currently cannot accept any items coming into school and so this will all be completed through fundraising. If you are able to make a donation via parent pay, we would be extremely grateful. You will

find a voluntary contributions payment (where you can choose the amount) in the list.

We would also appreciate any Christmas shopping you do on these websites to be clicked on from these links. The school then receives a % of payback from the company:

TheGivingMachine

Sign up at <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk> and select Ben Rhydding Primary School as your cause. Visit their website (or their Shop & Give app) first then follow their links to retailers including John Lewis, M&S, The Entertainer, Lego, Boots, selected football club shops, and many more. They also have links to insurance and utilities companies, typically these only pay out when you sign up, so do remember them if you're thinking of changing providers.

Amazon Smile

Go to smile.amazon.co.uk and select The Ben Rhydding Primary School Parent Teacher Association as your charity. You must always use the Smile link for us to receive any commission, not the standard Amazon homepage or app. Please note The Giving Machine promotes links to Amazon but that does not earn us any money, it only funds The Giving Machine. To support us with your Amazon shopping please use Smile.

Mynametags.com

For iron-on and sticky labels, and even wall stickers. Design your stickers, then at checkout tick the box "My child's school/nursery is a member of My Nametags fundraising scheme" (you'll find it below the shipping details) and enter our School ID 33188.

Stamptastic

For name stamps, ink pads, named water bottles and more. Enter our PTA code LS298QH at checkout in the box labelled "Gift card, PTA code, or discount code".

Finally, take care during these lockdown times, more will follow soon and meanwhile please feel free to contact us with any ideas/suggestions at PTA@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk or ptachair@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk

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