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This term seems to have flown by and I can't believe the Christmas holidays are nearly here! This is a jam packed edition of the newsletter so let's get on with it!

Preparations for the Christmas Fayre are in full swing but did you know that immediate family members can also attend our Christmas Fayre on the 15th December at 2pm?

There's lot's going on during the afternoon:

- Lucky Dip £1 per dip
- Hand Reflexology Massage £2
- Guess the weight of the cake £1
- Bottle Tombola £1 for 3 tickets
- Christmas card activity
- Cakes and refreshments £1 each
- Pre-loved clothes and school uniform
- Sports activities for the children
- Staff cake competition find out who is the best baker...

And of course our AMAZING raffle. For those who can't attend the Fayre in person you can still purchase raffle tickets & win prizes! Raffle tickets have been sent home to you, and are also available from school reception. Please complete the stub of every ticket you purchase & tear off the ticket with your number on it - keep hold of the torn off part and return the other part with your details on it, so we know who purchased the winning ticket! Please return any unsold tickets to school - thank you and good luck.



We have some amazing prizes worth over £500:

- Superb and delicious cheese hamper
- Red Ruby Crosses beef
- Swimming vouchers for a family of 4.
- Waterstones vouchers x 3
- Complimentary therapy voucher £50
- Tub of Heroes
- 4 x Specialist chocolate mugs - to create your own delicious drink. Mug included!



Don't forget donations to our cake & bottle tombola stalls. Please bring in any bottles before Thursday if possible.

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RECYCLING WEEK COMPETITION WINNER



To support Recycling Week, PAFOM held a competition to turn old rubbish into creative projects like robots, animals, rockets – anything! We had some amazing entries and PAFOM presented the winner, who made an Easter Island statue, with their prize during school assembly. A big thank you to all those that entered and congratulations to our winner Emma in Year 9.









NEXT PAFOM MEETING

We are holding our next PAFOM group meeting on the **11th January @ 2pm in school**. There will also be a Zoom option. Please email pafomgroup@gmail.com if you would like a Zoom link.

FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

We have a Facebook page which is a great place to find out all the latest news and meeting info. Search for **Parents And Friends Of Magdalen Court School** or click <u>here</u>.



If you have any questions about who we are and what we do, please email us at: pafomgroup@gmail.com



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USEFUL WEBSITES

One of PAFOM's goals is to pass on information that might support you as a parent/carer, so in this section we've added some links to websites that you might find useful. If you have any sites that you think would be useful please email us pafomgroup@gmail.com

- CEA Card. The CEA card allows the holder to take a free carer to the cinema. Cinemas do not have to opt in to the scheme so it's best to check first The big Vue cinema uses the CEA card (and has comfy new seats). For more information: <u>www.ceacard.co.uk</u> There is a small fee and the card needs renewing each year.
- Oak Academy online learning resource set up during the pandemic in conjunction with the government this online resource is easy to navigate for children and adults! Select work by year group and topic.
 www.thenational.academy
- Cost of living support The cost of living crisis is tough and DCC have arranged a programme of funded holiday-time activities, with hot meals, to run for up to four days over the Christmas 2022 school holiday. Various areas in Devon covered. More info <u>here</u>.
- The government's cost of living payment is available for those receiving certain benefits or tax credits. You don't need to apply for these – if you're eligible the money should go straight into your account. More info here: <u>www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment</u>
- <u>Gingerbread</u> provides support and advice for single parents.
- Check out the <u>Money Saving Expert</u> website for tips and advice on how to make the most out of your money.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas! From PAFOM

See you at the party on Thursday from 2pm.