

# Betty Layward PTFA Funding Bids



Dear parents and carers,

Please find attached a list of the bids for projects to receive PTFA funding. Thank you to everyone who submitted bids; they cover a wide range of subjects which will really enhance our children's education and certainly benefit the school community.

The total value of the projects proposed is approximately £17,000. As we have sufficient funds to cover this we no longer need the school community to vote on its preferred bids. That said, if you have any questions or comments on any of them please let Adam, Julia or Andy know.

So thank you again a massive thanks to everyone that's submitted bids, organised fairs, manned stalls, sold cakes, lugged tables, erected gazebo's, bbq'd, poured, swept, drunk, ate and played. We couldn't do this without you – our school community.

Yours sincerely,

The Betty Layward PTFA

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## PTFA Funding Bids – October 2016

### 1) Invisible Flash Theatre Experience - £1,000

Proposed by Jo Rawlinson (parent)

Approved by Chloe Alder (SLT)

Invisible Flash – Great stories told simply and enhanced for a non-sighted audience.

Invisible Flash will be running workshops with years 3 and 4 and presenting their show 'Maddy and the Invisible Band of Groovers'. Through the play and supporting workshops the company will explore difference, confidence and following your dreams. This will be presented in anti-bullying week.

Invisible flash will also run two story sessions with Year 2. Artistic Director Alex Bulmer uses a fun and energetic style to present her experience of living blind with a guide dog, and performs 'Zoom!', a children's story about a young girl who saves the day using her 92 speed wheelchair. [www.invisibleflash.co.uk](http://www.invisibleflash.co.uk)

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### 2) Author and poet/lyricist visits - £3,060

Proposed by Chloe Alder (SLT)

- Authors to visit during Book Week: Nick Toczek, Christina Gabbittas, Ciaran Murtagh, Mike Dodsworth and Nick Cook (£2510)
- Poet/lyricist to visit during October in celebration of Black History Month (£550)

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### 3) Updating hall sound and visuals – approx. £7,000

Proposed by Jason Stuart (SLT)

Possible improvements:

- Re wire all sound for hall

- 400w system (independently levelled per speaker) including mixer, 4 x 100w BOSE speakers.
  - 4 wireless microphones for everyday use, but especially in class assemblies, Star of the Week, staff meetings, PTFA meetings, presentations, Staff Inset days.
  - 3 access points for sound throughout the room (front, side and rear) to ensure ease of access and simple operation.
  - Replace all hardware.
  - Install PROMETHEAN interactive board in hall (from library), for use all across school (high display and clarity). Full-time PC attached for daily use.
  - Full multimedia system for use by all members of school. Always available for PTFA fundraisers, quiz nights etc.
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**4) Hands-On Maths Resources - £2,000**

Proposed by Anna Edmundson (parent)

Approved by Jason Stuart (SLT)

Many children need to "experience" tricky concepts in a hands-on, visual way before they fully understand them - particularly when it comes to Maths. There are lots of great, tactile resources specially designed for children - e.g. foam counters to help with place value, colourful plastic stacking cubes to help with percentages, magnetic tiles to help with fractions etc. Anna Reynolds (Year 5 teacher and Maths Co-ordinator) has a wish list of items she'd love to spend some money on so that our children have extra resources to support their learning.

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**5) Betty Layward Jumper and T-shirt – approx. £50**

Proposed by Warren Short (teacher)

"Ed and Simon both have a jumper and a T-shirt with their initials on the front and Betty Layward on the back, they use these for sporting events that they go to. Ed apparently dealt with Richard, Toyin's husband. So what I'm asking is some funding for me to buy the shirt and jumper as well as funds for Richard to do the printing. I would like to wear the clothing at the sporting events I take the children to." – Warren

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**6) Year 6 Leavers' book - £925**

Proposed by Jacqui Heywood (parent)

Approved by Peter O'Garr (SLT)

This bid is to cover printing, design and photography costs. Getting the PTFA to fund this book means that every child that is leaving the school this year will get a copy. In the past the children used to buy their own books, I think they were £12 each, which meant not every child left BL with their book of memories. We are hoping to bring in the leavers books for less than this amount - using parent power - but this is what the cost will be if we have to pay full whack for all the elements.

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**7) Coach to take Year 6 pupils to PGL – approx. £1,700**

Proposed by Julia Gibbs (parent)

Approved by Jason Stuart (SLT)

Historically, the PTFA has funded the coach for the Year 6 residential trip. This helps to keep the cost down for Y6 families.

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**8) Early Stages Resources - £1,164**

Proposed by Jessica Mendelsohn (teacher)

Community Playthings Unit blocks – a set for nursery and one for each Reception class.

UK EYFS expert, Anna Ephgrave, says a resource, "Used in a 1000 different ways is far better than 1000 resources that can only be used one way."

Children develop fine and gross motor skills by handling blocks. Blocks are robust, easily tidied and stored for self-selection. Blocks enhance children's problem-solving abilities, mathematics, and language.

