



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s), Students and Staff,

On behalf of the St Olave's Parents Association, I'd like to extend a massive thank you to all the parents, family members, and school staff who braved Saturday's sweltering temperatures to make the Summer Fun Day such a success, in spite of the fact that it clashed with a certain football match.

Thanks also to the many generous sponsors of our Fun Day brochure, which this year not only raised a significant amount of money but also set a new standard for quality. We'll provide an update on total revenue raised for the school in a hectic week that included Open Day, Sports Day, Fun Day, and other events as soon as we have tallied everything, but the initial figure for Saturday's gross profits is not far short of last year's in spite of the heatwave, the football and the last-minute cancellation of the popular inflatables.

Big thanks also are due to:

- the generous parents whose last-minute gazebo loans ensured that we could provide shade as planned for the stalls.
- the boys of Year 7 who sweated out a fierce battle tug-of-war, ensuring that the tug-of-war trophy will wear the green of Harvard for the next year.
- the football prefects and boys of Year 8 who held a football tournament that no doubt rivalled that other one for entertainment.
- Mr. Budds, who was our wonderful emcee for most of the event and performed the role with his inimitable mix of humour and charm.
- Mr. Rees, Ms. James, Ms. Wilkie, Ms. Reardon, Mr. Price, Mr. Kenward, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Doorbar and Ms. Andrews, for the many important and varied roles they played in preparations and on the day.
- Steve and Ross, the site managers who helped with all sorts of logistics in the lead up to and on the day.
- the parents of Old Olavians who continue to share their vast resources of experience and knowledge of the school.
- everyone who generously donated food to keep everyone fed.
- the treasury team, who stayed way after everyone else had left to make sure the money was properly counted and sorted.
- and last, but by no means least, I cannot possibly sufficiently express my thanks to the core of PA volunteers, without whose countless hours of help, support and advice this event could not have happened.

Other highlights included being serenaded by the dulcet tones of a mystery barbershop quartet known only as the Stoglodites; a demonstration by Nimesh Desai and his pupils of the Philippine martial art of Guba Doce Pares; and from 3pm sharp, a screening upstairs in the Pavilion of the England vs Sweden football match. Sadly, I was too busy tidying up to watch the match myself, but I hear it went well...

Once again, many, many thanks to all who helped or attended, and see you again next year!

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