



# Goodwill Children's Homes

Care and Education for Destitute Children in South India

## Fundraising Ideas for Schools

Help pupils learn whilst they fundraise for a good cause.

### A

Turn pupils' **artwork** into fundraising products for parents to purchase.

### B

**Bring and buy sale** - A jumble sale, bring and buy sale or rummage sale is an event to sell your second- hand goods/toys/books, etc

**Book sale** - if you've finished the latest bestseller, have some books you'll never read again or it's just time for a clear out, you can donate books for the school's book sale.

**Bollywood ball** for primary pupils/parents - for a really fun evening, you could organise a Bollywood extravaganza with Bhangra music, Indian food, dancing lessons, decorations, Henna tattoo - the opportunities are endless. Transform your hall space into a Bollywood set and ask everyone to dress in a Bollywood theme. Alternatively, the classic international evening is always popular too and this showcases music, food, dance and dress from around the world. (also see India Day).

### C

**Cake sale** - have a Bake Off or just sell yummy cakes. It's a classic. It's tried and tested, and it works. Parents, volunteers, and supporters of your school can donate homemade cakes, biscuits and bread and an event can be held where these are sold off to raise funds. When done in the style of a Great British Bake Off, they are a crowd puller and crowd pleaser and a reliable fundraiser that can generate a surprising amount of money. They are a great social occasion, they get many people involved and they don't cost much to set up and run. Combine this idea with a cookbook fundraiser where parents and grandparents contribute their most loved family recipes which are then compiled and published as a school cookbook - including school dinner recipes too!

**Carol singing** collection around Christmas time

**Coin trail** - ask every pupil to bring in spare change, lay them all out in a trail and see how far around the school you can get

**Car wash** for older pupils- get the sponges out and get the whole school involved in washing parents' cars.

**Christmas hampers** - Get pupils to make and sell Christmas hampers. Include food, drink, toys, and gifts.

## F

**Fun run** - Fun runs are a great way of involving the whole school community and encouraging exercise while raising funds and generating publicity for your school.

**Face painting** - Get creative with face paints at fetes, fairs, and children's parties.

## H

**Harvest day festival**- celebrate Harvest with music, poems and prayer. Let the children set up stalls and sell fresh fruits and vegetables.

## I

Host an **India Day**. Pupils could dress up in Indian dress and share with the class some interesting facts about India. Lessons could focus on the Indian culture (also see Bollywood Ball).

**Indoor games** - have fun.

## K

**Kings and Queens Party** - Ask people to dress as a King or Queen - royals should have money to spare!

## L

**Lunch** - why not choose a theme with your class or invite a chef from a local Indian restaurant to cook and the pupils make a set donation for this extra special scrumptious Indian treat.

## M

**Mufti day** - Kids love no uniform day and it makes a great school fundraiser. Everyone loves to dress up (or down). Also known as Mufti Day this is one of the most common - tried, tested, and loved by pupils. Ask pupils to pay a set donation (£1 or £2 each) to wear their own clothes to school.

**Music show/concert/practice** - This could be an existing concert, asking musical pupils to play in a gig or getting sponsored to practice their musical instruments.

**Market day stall** - from bouncy castles, to selling stick on tattoos, lucky envelopes, hook a duck thing for little kids, pop a balloon, etc.

## N

**Non - uniform day** (see Mufti-day). Wearing your own clothes to school is a dream for many kids and non-uniform days (Mufti-days) are always much anticipated highlights of the school year.

## P

**Pyjama day** - Ideal for nurseries and younger pupils but fun for everyone, ask pupils to come to school in their favourite pyjamas with a donation in hand

## Q

**Quizzes** - This works well run by teacher for pupils, by older pupils for younger classes, or even pupils setting quizzes for parents after school. Source prizes from

local business and get quizzing. Quiz nights are also relatively easy to organise and can raise significant sums of money. They are an excellent way of bringing parents, teachers and pupils together in a fun social context as well as other members of the local community.

**Quiet Time** - Sponsored silence - challenge pupils to stay quiet.

## R

**Raffle** - Exactly what it says - you could source prizes from local businesses and/or parents and sell tickets

**Readathon** - Readathon is a sponsored reading event run in primary and secondary schools across the UK, encouraging children to read for pleasure.

**Recycle** - Greeting and Birthday cards which are used to re-make cards in aid of Goodwill.

## S

**Sports day** - Tie in your fundraiser with an existing sports day to make it as easy as possible. Hold a collection at a match.

**Sponge throw** - Great fun. Ask pupils to donate in return for getting to launch soapy sponges at you and your fellow teachers. Best done on a sunny day.

**Santa Run** - has become increasingly popular in recent years. Basically, it is a simple fun run put on some time before the Christmas holidays where everyone dresses up as Father Christmas and run around the school playing field.

**Stamps**- Collect used stamps. We're raising money by recycling used stamps. Whether they're British or overseas, new or used, send them to us and we'll turn your old postage into money.

## T

**Talent contest** - Hold a talent contest for pupils to showcase their skills! You could make it TV show style by nominating judges to pick the winners.

**Treasure hunt** - Put together a treasure hunt, split pupils into pairs or teams and let the detective work begin! Ask a local business to donate a prize for the winning pair/team and set a suggested donation amount for entering.

## V

**Variety show** - You know that your pupils are talented, so why not let them share that with the world? As part of the school day or after school with parents, this is a fun way to build pupils' confidence while raising funds.

## W

**World cultures day** - Get pupils to dress up for the day, give each class a different country to base their theme on. (see India Day)

