

The Giving Machine.

The Giving Machine is a not for profit social enterprise helping UK registered charities benefit from a source of free cash donations.

If you shop online, you can make a free cash donation with every purchase if you join www.thegivingmachine.co.uk. It's really simple, you enter your favourite shops via the giving machine and a percentage of your shopping bill is converted into a cash donation for the school, at no extra cost. With over 600 stores participating including Amazon, John Lewis and Tesco. You can really help make a difference.

Other ways you could help fundraise for the school.

We are always looking for new fundraising ideas. If you feel like doing your bit to help raise funds for the school, you can fundraise via JustGiving.com. Search for 'The Friends of Ty Gwyn Special School'.

It could be a personal challenge like a marathon or bike ride, or you could simply hold a coffee morning for friends and family, all donations large or small will be greatly appreciated.

Enterprise & Coffee Shop.

The enterprise coffee shop is open every Friday 10–11:30 in the Independent Living Skills room. Everyone is welcome!

Family Centre.

The Family centre also runs coffee mornings and some fantastic courses so pop in and see Mel or Wenna to find out more.

Friends of Ty Gwyn.

Our charity number is **1107229**.

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**Welcome to
Our 2023
Newsletter**

**Sept
2023**

Who are The Friends of Ty Gwyn?

The Friends of Ty Gwyn are more than just a group of parents getting together to fundraise for the school. There is a social side to us too! We get together for social evenings, coffee mornings etc. It is difficult to meet parents as most of our children have transport to school so coffee mornings and social evenings are a great way to meet other parents.

There is always someone who can offer advice/support, we're all in the same situation. Please join our Facebook group 'The Friends of Ty Gwyn School' as it is our main form of communication.

We work very hard on our fundraising efforts, we are all parents of a disabled child/children and many of us have other children and commitments too so hardly any spare time between us!

It would be great to have some new parents join us with fresh ideas, you can take on as much or as little as you like... Many hands make light work and all that!

Without the committed time that the committee members put in, we wouldn't be able to raise so much funds for our children. Events can take a long time to plan so the more people to lend a hand the less there is to do.

For those that may not be aware of what The Friends of Ty Gwyn do, here's a list:

Christmas Fayre. Ordering, sorting, packaging and distributing Christmas cards - and negotiating discounts. Booking entertainers and funding the Mandy Wyatt fun day every year. Arranging fundraising events throughout the year. Coffee mornings. Quiz nights. Bag packing. Raising money for minibuses, specialist trikes/bikes and other equipment to enhance our children's development.

Meetings.

We are currently meet in school on the first Friday of each term, but we can possibly change this if it suits more people. Dates and times of meetings will be posted on Facebook. Please feel free to come along and show support, no pressure to commit to anything!

Upcoming Events.

- 13th Oct—Harvest Festival
- 17th Oct—Parent's evening
- 27th Oct—Last day of term
- 6th Nov—Inset day
- 7th Nov—Inset day
- 8th Nov—Pupils return
- 14th & 15th—School photographs

Match funding and sponsors.

Another great way of fundraising is through becoming a charity cause for businesses. Please think of nominating 'The Friends of Ty Gwyn' for your company's nominated charity.

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Bonus Ball.

The Friends of Ty Gwyn run a Bonus Ball lottery. **This is currently on pause!**

A bonus ball lottery is a fun and hassle free way to fundraise over a number of months. The lottery uses the 59 numbers of the National Lotto. The weekly prize goes to the person whose number matches the Bonus Ball drawn in that week's Saturday draw of the National Lotto.

The winner will receive £30 leaving £29 (once all numbers are taken or half the total amount of numbers taken) to be donated to The Friends of Ty Gwyn each week.

Payments are made by standing order of £1 a week for convenience.

We have numbers available so please get in touch via email or with Rhiannon McDuff on the 'Friends of Ty Gwyn' Facebook page.