

# A to Z of fundraising ideas

## A

- \* Abseil - a group of people could abseil down a local building
- Aerobics: sponsored marathon/competition
- \* Antiques fair
- Arts or crafts stall/exhibition/fair
- \* Auctions

## B

- Bad hair/tie day
- \* Baked beans bath
- \* Barbecue
- \* Barn Dance
- \* Bits and Pieces (music quiz)
- BMX bike display, or competition
- Book/comic sale
- \* Boot sale
- Bouncy castle – it could be a sponsored event, eg number of bounces per minute!
- Bring and buy sale

## C

- \* Cabarets/talent shows
- \* Car boot sale
- \* Car washing (in schools grounds)
- Card delivery service, pupils pay for delivery within the school
- Carol singing – see fundraising guidelines
- \* Charity shop – open one lunchtime a week selling donated items
- Christmas cards – making and selling them, or selling bought cards
- Class collections
- \* Coffee mornings
- Collections of money at speech day
- Collections of other things (eg waste paper, bottle tops, coins, stamps)
- Competitions
- Computer games knockout, best if played in pairs
- Concerts/recitals/plays/shows
- Cook books – writing a class or school cookbook that can then be sold
- \* Cookery contest (eg Ready Steady Cook – could be the teachers!)
- Cookie Challenge – a ChildLine fundraising initiative involving telephone-shaped cookies

## D

- Dance marathon
- \* Dinner dance/ball
- Discos/raves
- Donkey Derby
- \* Dragon boat race

- \* Dry Cornflakes/Cream Cracker-eating contest

## E

- Easter egg hunt
- Easter party
- Egg rolling competition

## F

- Face painting
- Fairs, fetes, bazaars, etc
- Fancy dress party/day
- Fashion show (with clothes made by pupils or donated by local shops)
- Film show/premiere
- Fireworks party (adults to organise)
- Flower/fruit/vegetable show/sale/display/stall
- Foam party – fill paddling or swimming pool with foam and then party!
- Football tournament

## G

- \* Game shows (eg Stars In Their Eyes, Wheel of Fortune, Blockbusters, Blind Date etc)
- \* Gigs (local bands play in school)
- Gladiators/Gladifakers
- \* Golf match
- Gymkhana

## H

- Hair beading/plaiting
- Halloween party
- Hot-dog/burger stand

## I

- It's a Knockout competition

## J

- Judo competition or display (adults to organise)
- Jumble sale

## K

- Karaoke competition/display (adults to organise)
- Kite flying

## L

- Line dancing
- Longest chain of paper-clips, line of coins, etc
- Lottery – can be Chocco Lotto where numbers are put onto sweet packets

## M

- \* Man O Man (or Teacher O Teacher)
- Marathon events - table tennis, aerobics, line dancing, badminton, etc (in shift teams)
- Midsummer masked ball
- \* Midnight film shows/parties/etc
- Mufti/non-uniform/denim/tracksuit/etc day
- \* Murder Mystery evening

## N

- New Year's Eve dance/party
- Night-time hide and seek, using torches
- \* No work day, students choose what they want to do

## O

- Old-time music hall
- \* One hundred club – raising £100 every week, half term or term, or a fundraising club with 100 members in it

## P

- Pancake day race/competition
- \* Panel games
- Parties – school birthday/anniversary, etc
- Penalty shoot-out competition
- Penny mile, where coins are lined up and measured – can be done in teams
- Pet show
- \* Photographic competitions
- Pram push

## Q

- Quizzes

## R

- Races
- Raffles (see guidelines)
- \* Rapping contest, show or sponsored event

## S

- Saints' days parties/theme day
- Santa's grotto
- School fair
- \* Scoff-a-hotdog competition (eg 'who can eat two in the fastest time possible!')
- \* Shakespeare marathon
- Silly games afternoons: egg & spoon, silly races, wet sponge throwing, etc
- \* Skateboard display
- \* Slide evening
- \* Soap episodes show or theme day
- Sponsored events (eg bike ride, dog walk, knit, kite-flying, headshave, haircut, hula-hooping, no smoking, rapping, run, shoe-clean, silence, sing, sports match, swim, talk, three-legged walks, walk, watch TV/don't watch TV, window clean, etc etc etc)
- \* Sports contests, teachers vs students (no PE teachers allowed!)
- \* Stalls at fairs etc (eg cakes, plants, books)
- Strawberry and cream tea party
- \* Student-teacher swap day
- Swap-shop

## T

- Tea party
- Teddy bears' picnic
- Theme days/evenings (eg countries - French, Spanish; soap operas, past-eras etc)
- \* Throwing wet sponges at a person/teacher in stocks, great at a summer fair!
- Tombola
- Top of the Pops show, teachers or students miming and dancing to chart music
- Treasure hunt
- \* Tuck shop, where the profits go to ChildLine – getting supplies donated?

## U

- \* Uniform days (for schools without a uniform and/or for teachers)
- \* University challenge

## V

- Variety show

## W

- Wacky Races
- \* Whist drive
- White Elephant stall
- \* Who's that baby? (students and staff bring in photos of themselves as babies)

## X

- \* X-Files day (Use your imagination – the ideas are out there!)
- Xmas fair/panto/party

## Y

- \* Yacht race, etc
- \* Young Enterprise Scheme run by students, donate part of profits (eg making and selling cards)

## Z

- Zany parties