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Aerobics-athon

To stay fit and healthy, organise an aerobics-athon. It'll make you feel good about supporting us.

Arts and crafts fair

Put your creative talents into action and sell your works of art at a craft fair.

Auction

Organise your own fundraising auction. Why not auction off your talents for the day or donate a percentage of funds raised through an EBay auction?

Art exhibition

Instead of selling your art, charge your friends and family to look at it!

B

Beat the goalie

Challenge your friends to a beat the goalie competition. Pay to play.

Bad Tie day

Look in your dad's wardrobe for those outdated ties and dazzle your friends. Pay to display the outrageous tie. Your friends could pay to have the offending tie removed.

Bag packing at local supermarket

Ask your local supermarket if you can hold a bag packing day. It's a great way to provide a service to the local community while supporting us too.

Battle of the bands

Challenge those budding musicians to a battle of the bands and put on a concert to raise money. You could also raise money with a "pay to leave" policy.

Bring and buy sale

Sell donated goods on a stall. Cakes, books, home-made jam, bric-a-brac and fairtrade goods are firm favourites.

Bike ride

Pedal against poverty! Why not organise a bike ride and turn it into a sponsored event?

Bingo

Organise a bingo event – devise your own calls for the numbers. Charge a fee per game.

C

Colour theme days

Bring a bit of colour into your day and raise money at the same time! Get your friends to dress in their favourite colours for a donation. Set a football, season or country theme.

Cake sales

Cake sales are a great way to raise money and awareness too, if they are made from fairly traded products.

Coppers

Collect all those unwanted coppers that weigh down your pockets – small change can make a big difference.

Collections

Put those empty jam jars to good use and turn small change into a big difference.

Cook up a storm

If you're a budding Master Chef, cook up some treats and sell them to friends and family, or put your own original recipes into a cookbook to sell.

Competitions

Devise your own competition, or use tried and tested ideas such as 'guess who the baby in the picture is.'

Concert

Gather all the talented people you know under one roof and put on a concert for friends and family. Think about a "pay to leave" policy too!

Cricket match

Challenge your peers or teachers to a cricket match. Each team pays a fee.

Car wash

Charge your teachers, friends and family to wash their cars.

Chocolate ban

Give up chocolate for a day, a week or a month and donate the cash you saved.

D**Dress down day**

Ditch the uniform or the suit and dress in your comfiest outfit.

Doughnut sale

Delight all your friends with a delicious doughnut sale. Shops like Krispy Kreme let you buy their doughnuts at special low prices so that you can sell them on for a fundraising profit!

Disco

Put on those dancing shoes and disco the night away. Remember to charge an entry fee.

Dance-athon

Dance all day in a sponsored dance-athon.

E**Enterprise Days**

Put on your Apprentice heads and come up with the marketing idea of the century! Create and sell the product you have designed.

Eco day

Dress green and do good deeds for the day, like litter picking and recycling your rubbish. Remember to get sponsored for all the activities you do.

Eating baked beans with a cocktail stick

Challenge your friends to a baked bean eating competition – how many can you eat in a minute using only a cocktail stick?

Egg and spoon race

Are you up for an egg and spoon challenge? Race your friends and family. No cheating now!

Egg painting competition

Don't waste those eggs after the race – turn them into works of art. Sell them to raise money for us.

F

Fancy dress

Go crazy with the fashion ideas and create a zany masterpiece to wear for the day. Prizes for the most outrageous and colourful costumes.

Five a side football

Challenge your mates or your teachers to a five a side tournament as part of a football fundraiser. Each team pays to play.

Film night

Create your own cinema and hold a film night for family and friends. Sell popcorn and drinks and charge an entry fee. Theme the night on your favourite type of film!

Fast Day lunch

Create a simple lunch in solidarity with people living in poverty.

Fashion show

Put your creative talents to the test and organise a fashion show – why not use recycled clothes and make it an eco-show? Invite the wider community to see your fabulous designs, and don't forget to charge an entry fee.

Face painting competition

Put your artistic talents to good use and paint people's faces. You could have a themed face painting day such as of animals or characters from a book. Remember to charge for your works of face painting art.

Fun run

Dust off your running shoes, add a green tutu and run for fun. Organise your own fun run or join a sponsored event.

G

Guess who the baby is (from photos)

Do a twist on the classic baby photo game by collecting some baby photos of famous celebrities and charging your friends to guess who they are.

Give it up!

Get sponsored to go without something. Give us speaking for a day, computer games for a week, chocolate for a month, or give up magazines for the whole of Lent! Get sponsored or donate to the money you save.

Guess the number of ...(balloons in a car, sweets in a jar)

Have a lot of fun challenging your friends to guess the quantity in the jar or car.

Guess the weight of... (cake, teddy)

Quiz your friends on the weight of the cake – 50p a guess.

Games: scrabble, chess, trivial pursuits etc

For all those who love the challenge of a board game – why not have a marathon board game tournament? Either pay to play or get sponsored.

Green day

With everyone talking about climate change and the importance of looking after our world, why not organise a Green Day? Dress in green, hold an eco fashion show, litter pick and create a recycled materials art exhibition. Invite friends and family too. Remember to charge a fee to take part.

H

Hula Hoop Contest

How many times can you spin the hula hoop? Organise a hula hoop-athon. Don't forget to get sponsored by the spin, or the length of time you keep the hoop going.

Hair beading, braiding and plaiting

Put your creative talents to good use. Make your friends look cool and raise money for CAFOD.

Hopscotch

Organise a Hopscotch contest in the playground, and challenge your friends. Pay to play.

I

Indoor games

Organise an indoor Olympics using our mini-Olympics resource for schools. Rain won't stop play and you'll have fun challenging your friends and raising money for us too.

International evening

Hold a themed international night and decorate your hall with flags from across the globe. Why not also hold a quiz and test your friends' geographical knowledge? Charge an entry fee.

It's a Knockout

Organise an It's a Knockout competition – fun for all the family. Either make it a sponsored event or pay to play.

J

Jumble sales

Reduce, reuse and recycle – the perfect opportunity to hold a jumble sale. See if you can turn your trash into cash.

Jelly races

Have loads of fun with a jelly race – why not try different jelly moulds too, or even an obstacle course? Remember, you pay to play.

Jewellery making/selling

Put your creative jewellery making skills to good use and hold a sale with what you make. Share your skills with others and teach your friends how to make that perfect accessory.

Jigsaw marathon

Have you got an eye for a jigsaw? Challenge your friends to a speed jigsaw puzzle race. Get your friends and family to sponsor you too.

Joke-athon

Have your friends in stitches with a joke-athon. How long can you keep your friends laughing? If the jokes are really bad, make them pay a fee to leave.

K

Kite flying

When the wind is right get those kites into the air. The kite that stays up the longest wins. Why not design your own kites and get sponsored too?

Karaoke

Impress your friends with your singing ability – try out your favourite tunes. Pay per tune.

Knitting competition

How long is that scarf? Challenge your friends to a knit-off. You could sell or auction your work of art too.

Knobbly knees competition

Who in your group of friends has the knobbliest knees? Take some pictures and charge your friends to see who can guess correctly.

L

Line dancing

Friends and family can have hours of fun with a line dancing event. You could even organise a line dance-athon. Charge a fee to take part.

Litter picking

Get yourselves sponsored on a mass litter pick afternoon and look after the local environment too. **Loud tie day**

Look to make a difference amongst your friends: see who can wear the most outrageous tie. You could even design your own tie. Only those who have paid to display can take part.

M

Magic show

Put your magical talents to good use and organise a show for all your friends. Remember to have an entry fee.

Mile of coins

Set yourself the mile challenge - what is the longest distance you can reach with a line of coins? (Bronze, silver and gold categories)

Musical evening

Show off your talents and organise an evening of musical entertainment .

Mini Olympics

Test those budding Olympians and hold a mini Olympics at school. Pay to play.

N

Nominate a teacher – to have their legs, beard or head shaved.

Challenge a teacher / youth leader to have a shave or wax for a good cause.

Nearly new sale

Outgrown those jeans? Only worn something once? Why not sell or swap your unwanted things with your friends? Pay £2 for each item you take.

Name the teddy

Does your mascot need a name? Charge your mates to come up with the most interesting suggestion. You could raffle the teddy at the end too.

Netball tournament

Challenge your friends, teachers or parish to a netball tournament. To add to the fun, why not play your matches in fancy dress too?

O**Obstacle course**

Have fun with an obstacle course and get sponsored too.

Odd clothes day

Turn your non-uniform day into an odd clothes day – mix up those socks and clash for cash.

Odd job Day

Charge a fee for all those odd jobs around the house that need doing.

P**Penalty shoot out**

Show off your skills in a sponsored shoot out as part of a football fundraiser.

Photo competitions

If you're a budding photographer, hold a competition for interesting snaps. All entrants to pay a fee.

Pancake race

Hold your own pancake race – challenge your friends and family.

Pin the tail on the donkey

Challenge your friends to a pin the tail on the donkey. Remember to blindfold them - and no cheating! Pay to play.

Pantomime

Putting on a pantomime? Why not take a collection for us as people leave?

Plant sale

For those with green fingers, sell your produce in a plant sale.

Poetry reading

Organise a poetry recital and invite your friends and family. Why not hold a themed poetry event, or use poems from your favourite poet? Set yourself the challenge of reciting your poem from memory. £1 per line – the longer the poem the more you raise.

Q

Quiet in the classroom - sponsored silence

Make your teacher happy by remaining quiet for a few hours, or even a whole day. Remember to get sponsored too!

Quizzes

Create your own to test your friends' knowledge. Hold a PTA or parish quiz night and raise money for us by charging per entrant.

R

Rich man poor man meal

Organise a simple lunch with a difference – a small number of randomly chosen people get an upgrade from a simple lunch to a sit down meal. Help to demonstrate inequality in the world today.

Raffles

Get friends and family or local businesses to donate prizes and raffle them off.

Read-athon

How many books can you read over a short period of time? Get sponsored per page or, for fast readers, per book.

Relays

Organise a sponsored relay race. Add a bit of variety into the race and create an obstacle relay.

Rounders tournament

Challenge your friends and teachers to a rounders match. Remember it is pay to play.

Recycling

You can recycle spent ink cartridges, collect left over foreign coins from your holiday or even donate your car!

Rugby match

Challenge your friends and teachers to a rugby match. Each team pays to play.

S

Samba or Salsa Dancing

Put on those dancing shoes and find a partner! Collect donations to take part.

Soak the priest/teacher

See if you can convince your priest, teachers or youth leaders to get in the stocks and get wet! Get people to pay per sponge.

Stalls

Set up a variety of stalls, from plants or cakes to recycled goods, and create your own mini £1 bazaar.

Sponsored ideas / events – dye hair green / walk for CAFOD

Remember when organising a fundraising event to think about adding a sponsorship element – it's a great way of collecting your money.

Swishing

Admire a friend's outfit? Then hold a swishing event to swap your unwanted clothes for somebody's else's! Make an evening of it with snacks and drinks, and ask for donations to join.

Spell-athon

Do you have a head for spelling? Then organise a spelling competition or spell-athon. Challenge yourself to a certain number of words – and why not get sponsored too? **Scrabble contest**
Challenge your friends to a Scrabble competition. Each competitor pays to play.

Swim-athon

Swim the distance for CAFOD. Get sponsored per length... or per mile!

T

Talent contest

Hold a contest to showcase the talents of your friends and family! Organise a collection or charge at the door for entry.

24 hour fast

How long do you usually go without eating? Why not give up something you really enjoy for 24 hours? **Tombola**

Get friends and family to donate gifts and organise a tombola. Only numbers ending in 0 or 5 will win a prize!

Treasure Hunt

Create a treasure hunt and challenge your friends to find what you have hidden. Pay to play.

Teddy bears' picnic

Organise a teddy bears' picnic and invite friends and family to attend in return for a donation

Three legged race

Team up with a friend and challenge other pairs to a three legged race. To make it more fun, why not do it in fancy dress too? Each team pays to play.

U

Uniform free day

Ditch the uniform for a fee.

Ugly face pulling competition

A prize for the most outrageous face – make sure you get photographic evidence! Each entrant pays to play.

V

Volleyball

Challenge your friends and teachers to a sponsored volleyball match, or charge each team to take part.

W

Walk

Organise a sponsored walk.

Welly throwing competition

Put your shot put skills to the test and see how far those wellies will go.

Word search

Create a themed word search and challenge your friends and family. Remember to charge a fee.

World food day

Get together with friends and prepare and sell different dishes from around the world.

X

X-Factor Competition

Celebrate all your talents by putting on a show – Britain's definitely got talent. Organise your own talent show and invite friends and family too.

Y

Yo-yo competition

Have you got a talent for yo-yoing?.

Yodelling competition

If yodelling is your thing, then either get friends to pay you not to do it.

Z

Zoo quiz

Create a zoological quiz and test your friends' and family's knowledge of the animal kingdom. Remember to charge a fee too.

Zany clothes day

Instead of a dress down day, dress up! Charge a fee and wear a zany costume that will brighten everyone's day!