



The PTA would like to thank all parents, teachers and students involved in the success of the Spring term - the Secondary Student Ball, Movie Nights, Book & Bake Sales, paczki and even Easter chocolates due to arrive next week. As we say goodbye to a few families, we look forward to welcoming our new ones with the help of our Class Friends, Country and Secondary Representatives. Wishing one and all a well earned Spring Break!

Charity Corner

At this time of year you may have noticed billboards promoting charities asking you to nominate them for a 1% contribution from your tax bill. All tax payers in Poland have the option of nominating a charity and if you do it is at no cost to you. 1% of your tax goes to that charity / foundation. Not all charities are registered but many are, including some small local organisations which could really do with some extra funds. We thought it might be useful if we provided you with details of a few organisations which the PTA has worked with over the last few years, or would like to work with in the future who would value any nominations for your 1%.

Aim High Association/Mierz Wysoko

This small organisation runs an after school club for disadvantaged young people in Praga - they provide a warm, safe place for children who often have problems at home. The organisation provides an opportunity to do homework and other activities at the centre and on organised trips. <http://mierzwysoko.org.pl/>

FCSR/Foundation for Corporate Social Responsibility

This charity works in the disadvantaged area of NW Poland. It has been the partner with the British School Christmas Giving Tree. It runs after school programmes in schools, such as dance and English classes. It also has a hot meals in schools programme and medical aid for sick children. <http://fcsr.pl/>

Friends of Litewska Hospital/ Fundacja Przyjaciele Szpitala Dziecięcego przy Litewskiej

This foundation seeks to improve the facilities for children and families that use services of Litewska Hospital in Warsaw. It is currently needs funds to make the new hospital a welcoming and healing place for families and children. www.litewska.pl/

SOS Children's Villages/SOS WIOSKI DZIECIĘCE

This is a well-established international charity that runs residential care homes for children who are unable to live with their families. <http://www.sos-wd.org/>

Warsaw Food Bank/Bank Żywności SOS

This organisation distributes food to needy people in the Warsaw area. They collect food from donors and also need funds for purchase of some items and running costs. <http://bzsos.pl/>

Warsaw Volunteer Mission

The WVM is a Christian organisation that provides services to families in need in Warsaw. <http://wvm.org.pl/en/>

There are other ways of supporting local charities apart from a financial contribution. Perhaps you would like to volunteer your time or donate clothes or other items. Below is an example list of just a few charities which would welcome your help.

If you know of any other local charities in need of assistance, please feel free to contact us on pta@thebritishschool.pl.

Volunteer Work

Support young children in hospital

A fun group of expat and Polish ladies volunteer a few hours of their time every week to do arts and crafts with young children who are being treated at a children's hospital in Warsaw. Most of the current volunteers are parents at the American school, the British School and the French school. It's a very mixed group and a great way to make some new friends. The group's activities are funded by the American Friends of Warsaw, but you don't have to be a member to join us. If you are interested in more information, **please contact: Radhika Bhatia on 562933462.**

Food Donation

Warsaw Volunteer Mission

Donate towards our Easter Food Drive for WVM's "Families in Crisis". Non-perishable goods are ideal, such as canned fish and meats, whole grains (rice, pasta, oats, cereals, etc.), canned fruits and vegetables, dried fruits, nut and seeds, canned soups, beans and legumes, oil, juices, milk, tea, and coffee. Any extra treats would be greatly appreciated.

Email: biuro.fundacji@wvm.org.pl Tel: 724 077 177

Furniture and Clothes Donation

Leaving Warsaw? **Warsaw Volunteer Mission** will also collect donations of furniture and clothes directly from your home.

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Toys, Books and Clothes

Family for Family

This organisation allows children to share toys, books and clothes they have grown out of with children from less affluent backgrounds. It gives children a sense of connection to the family to whom they are donating. If you would like to become a sharing family please contact:

agnieszka.lyszcz@familyforfamily.pl

<http://www.familyforfamily.pl/en/about-us>

PTA ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT, April 24th

You are invited to join us for the PTA Quiz Night. This is always a popular social event for both parents and staff. Good food, wine and an international-themed quiz make for a great combination. Organise a table of 10-12 people, or come along to meet new faces - all welcome. There are only 120 tickets! Tickets go on sale 14th April.

For further information contact us on: PTA@thebritishschool.pl

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THE QUIZMASTER IS BACK.....

APRIL 24TH, 7:30PM

**AT THE
BRITISH SCHOOL LIMANOWSKIEGO
IN THE DINING HALL
(DOORS OPEN 7PM)**

**TICKETS ON SALE
14TH - 21ST APRIL**

PRICE 100pln per person

Includes Thai Food, Wine and Beer

**TEAMS CAN BE 8 – 12 PEOPLE (LIMITED TABLES AVAILABLE)
FOR ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL US AT PTA@THEBRITISHSCHOOL.PL**

Many thanks to all those who donated clothes and shoes this week. They will be sorted by our students over the weekend and sent to the Foundation for Corporate Social Responsibility FCSR to NW Poland to families in need.



PTA Dates for the Diary

April

Tuesday 14th - 21st – Tickets on sale for Quiz Night (whilst tickets last)

Wednesday 22nd April – PTA Committee meeting – 8.30am, Dining Hall

Friday 24th – Annual Quiz Night, Limanowskiego, 7.30pm