

HOMELINK'S A-Z FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES



A

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Sell your students' works of art at a craft fair held in your school hall. Charge a nominal entry fee and open it up to your local community, too. All proceeds go to HOMELINK.

AUCTION

Organise your own fundraising auction. Students could auction off their talents for the day / lesson / lunch hour.

B

BAD TIE DAY

Gather the worst tie you can find and wear it to school for the day.

BAG PACKING

Ask your local supermarket if you can hold a bag packing day in aid of HOMELINK. You will be providing a service to the local community while supporting us too. HOMELINK badges and collection tins will be provided.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS CHALLENGE

Any musicians, solo or in bands, can perform and be voted to win the title. Charge entry.

BIKE RIDE/CYCLE CHALLENGE

Organise a sponsored bike ride in your local area.

BINGO

Organise a bingo event and charge a fee per game.

C

CAKE SALE

A tasty way to raise some money. Take an extended lunchtime and bring in cakes (homemade or bought) and charge per slice. All proceeds to HOMELINK.

CAR WASH

Organise a community car wash in the playground. Encourage the community to come along for students to wash their cars for a small fee.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Get students to design HOMELINK Christmas cards to sell to your school and community.

COMPETITION

Devise your own competition. Pay to enter and win a locally sourced prize.

COOKERY BOOK

Collect a recipe from everyone and make it into a book to sell to each other and the community.

CRICKET MATCH

Challenge school houses or teachers vs. students in an annual charity cricket match for HOMELINK. Each team could pay a fee to enter.

D

DANCE-ATHON

A sponsored all day danceathon. Pay to enter.

(SILENT) DISCO

Use your hall or cleared out cafeteria to hold a silent disco. With two music channels to choose from, everyone should find something they like to dance to. Pay to enter.

DRESS DOWN DAY

Pay to ditch the uniform or the suit and dress in your comfiest outfit.

E

EASTER EGG PAINTING OR BONNET MAKING AND RAFFLE

Simply make a budget for costs, charge an entry fee that will cover the costs and contribute to your fundraising goals, and arrange a donated prize for the winner. This will keep expenses low and profits high.

ENTERPRISE DAYS

Organise your students into teams and get them to create, market and sell a product they have designed. Donate their profits.

EXERCISE-ATHON

Organise an exercise class (HIIT, Circuits, Boxercise, Zumba, aerobics etc.) in your sports hall or playing field. Get community sponsorship.

F

FANCY DRESS DAY

Choose a theme or come as whatever you like. Pay per student.

FILM NIGHT

Show an age appropriate film on a projector in the school hall. Charge entry and sell popcorn, choc ices, fruity lollies at the interval.

FIVE A SIDE FOOTBALL

Challenge your house or teachers vs. students to a charity football match or tournament in aid of HOMELINK. Each team pays to play.

FUN RUN

Encourage fancy dress, tutus or wigs. Pay to enter.

G

GAMES MARATHON

Scrabble, chess, trivial pursuits etc. Play for x number of hours without stopping. Pay to play or get sponsored.

GUESS THE NUMBER OF...

Challenge students and staff to guess the quantity in the jar. Pay per go.

GUESS THE WEIGHT OF...

Challenge students and staff to guess the weight of the cake / pumpkin / whatever the item. Pay per go.

H

HOPSCOTCH

Organise a hopscotch contest in the playground / carpark and challenge your students to play. Pay to play.

HULA HOOP CONTEST

How many times can you spin the hula hoop? Get sponsored by the spin or the length of time participants keep the hoop going without it touching the floor.

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ICE-CREAM SOCIAL

Enjoy a lunchtime or end of the day social with your school friends. Choose from a mixture of ice-cream flavours and toppings. Pay per scoop/topping.

INDOOR GAMES

Organise an indoor Olympics or It's a Knockout. Rain won't stop play and you'll have fun challenging your students and colleagues as well as raising money for us too.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OR EVENING

Hold a themed international afternoon or evening. Decorate your school/college with flags from across the globe. Serve different national dishes and play good music from around the world. End with a quiz to test your geographical knowledge. Pay to enter.

J

JAM JAR

Everyone could fill a jam jar at home with spare change and donate it once it's full.

JEWELLERY MAKING/SELLING

Get creative students to make beaded jewellery, headbands, keyrings etc. and sell them. They could do demonstrations and teach others how to make them. Pay to learn and to buy the finished pieces.

JIGSAW MARATHON

Challenge your school community to a sponsored speed jigsaw puzzle race.

JUMBLE SALE

Reduce, reuse and recycle – the perfect opportunity to hold a jumble sale. All proceeds to HOMELINK.

K

KARAOKE

Pay per tune.

KNITTING / CROCHET COMPETITION

Challenge your colleagues and students to a knit-off. You could sell or auction your work of art too.

L

LIMBO

How low can you go? Pay per entry.

LINE DANCING

Organise a line dance-athon. Charge a fee to take part.

LITTER PICKING

Sponsored mass litter pick afternoon in your community and look after the local environment too.

M

MATCHED

Give double the money you raise fundraising by asking local businesses to support your cause.

MILE OF COINS

Collect all spare change to make up a mile of coins laid out flat. Donate the miles worth of coins to HOMELINK.

N

NEARLY NEW SALE

Sell/Buy unwanted or outgrown clothes. Pay £2 for each item you take.

NAME THE TEDDY / TOY

Charge your students and parents to come up with the most interesting suggestion. Win the toy in the ticketed raffle.

NOMINATE A TEACHER

Sponsored legs, beard, head shaved or long hair cut off for a good cause. Remember that they should get sponsored too, or charge people a fee to watch it happen.

O

OBSTACLE COURSE

Have fun with an obstacle course and get sponsored too.

ODD CLOTHES DAY

Turn your dress down day into an odd clothes day. Get as creative as you wish!

P

PANCAKE RACE

Hold your own pancake race on Shrove Tuesday.

PENALTY SHOOT OUT

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

PERSONALISED MERCHANDISE

Students can design and then sell tea towels, mugs, bags, cards, Christmas cards, aprons, bags for life, calendars, school labels etc. with profits to HOMELINK.

PURPLE DAY

Bring a bit of colour into your school day and raise money at the same time! Get your whole school to dress in purple for a donation.

Q

QUIET PLEASE!

Sponsored Silence. Can you last all day? All lesson?

QUIZ NIGHT

Hold a quiz night and raise money for us by charging per entrant.

R

REVERSE RAFFLE

Get local businesses to donate prizes and raffle them off to raise funds throughout the evening.

ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT

Challenge your school houses or teachers vs. students to a rounders match. Pay to play.

S

SCRABBLE CONTEST

Challenge your colleagues and students to a Scrabble competition. Each competitor pays to play.

SOUP BOWL

Make a clay coil bowl, get them fired, then eat soup out of it. Can take the bowl home.

SPELLING BEE

STRAW DRAW

Attach different prizes to the bottoms of random bendy straws. Participants pay per straw and randomly select a straw. Not all prizes need to be equal. See if local businesses will donate prizes.

SWIMATHON

Get sponsored per length or per mile.

T

TALENT CONTEST

Hold a contest to showcase your school's talents. Organise a collection or charge at the door for entry.

24 HOUR FAST

Give up something you really enjoy for 24 hours (food, computer games, chocolate, crisps etc.) and be sponsored for it.

TREASURE HUNT

Create a treasure hunt around the school and challenge your colleagues and students to find what you have hidden. Pay to play.

TREE PLANTING DAY

Mark reaching your HOMELINK fundraising goal by planting a tree in your school/college grounds or at a local nature reserve.

TUG OF WAR

A fun way to get your house teams and teachers to compete and challenge them to a tug of war. Each team pays a fee.

V

VOLLEYBALL

Sponsored volleyball match or charge each team to take part.

W

WALK FOR HOMELINK

Organise a sponsored walk for HOMELINK e.g walk from Lewes to Brighton.

WELLY THROWING COMPETITION

See how far those wellies go! Pay to enter.

WORD SEARCH

Create a themed word search and challenge your students and teachers to crack it. Time it to add extra pressure! Pay per play.

X

X-FACTOR GALA

Think more (Insert name of School/College)'s Got Talent - gather all the talented people in your school and organise a concert in aid of HOMELINK. Include poetry, drama, music, dance etc. Invite friends and family. Pay per entry.

Y

YOGA

Sponsored yoga session where everyone in the whole school/college takes part.

YO-YO COMPETITION

Sponsored yo-yo competition.

Z

ZZZ SCHOOL SLEEP OVER

Organise for your whole school to spend the night sleeping rough in the school hall or playground to raise awareness of homelessness in your community.