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School Sustainable fundraising event ideas table

Ink cartridge recycling The Ink Bin is a scheme where schools can earn up to £1 per ink cartridge (dependent on the make of cartridge). Some ink cartridges are refilled and some are recycled. Nothing is sent to landfill. https://www.theinkbin.co.uk/ Plus other recycling schemes such as battery recycling.	Tall recycling box worth of space needed, usually in school foyer/reception.	Free with your own storage bin or £35 one off fee (if you want the official, branded box)	✓ Continuous scheme. You can earn approx. £25-£100 per bin full. In school or community (shop etc).	Easy
Pre-loved school uniform shop Options: Have a constant flow of clothing availability via a closed online school group where everyone pays via an	✓ Either temporary storage if a pop-up event only.	Nil	Reasonable as there will be a continuous flow of funds	Easy - very little effort for the Facebook option, just a

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agreed PayPal link /bank transfer (i.e. donations to the school) but the parent provides the item at the school gate, minimising the carbon footprint of delivery/collection. Or for a physical 'shop', ask for clothing donations towards the end of term/half term then on the last week of term do a pop-up shop/stall.	Or permanent space onsite if offering a permanent 'shop' (i.e. appropriate for larger schools). Or no storage if running it as an online Facebook group.		as the demand is required continuously.	social media-confident person to monitor / moderate.
School 'Freebay' Facebook group The school is a perfect place to pass items no longer needed because there are a lot of parents in one place wanting to re-home and wanting second-hand items such as toys etc. As per the online uniform shop idea, parents share (usually cheap) things they want to rehome but instead of taking the money themselves, the person donates the price of the item via	Nil Parent to parent.	Nil	Continuous demand so continuous funds.	Easy - very little effort for the Facebook option, just a social media-confident person to monitor / moderate.

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a school PayPal account (or other payment method).				
Christmas jumper pre-loved sale Same system as above.	Possible storage if holding onto leftover stock from one year to another (you could ask for donations in January straight away) or possibly temporary storage space only for donations one month before. Or nil storage if all done through the School Facebook Group	Nil	√ Annual.	Easy – not much effort
Fancy dress (Halloween/World Book Day) pre-loved clothing sale	Same as above Or nil storage if all done through the School Facebook Group	Nil	√ At least annual.	Easy

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Virtual balloon release activity Can be done from home/online.	Nil	✓ Approx. £20	Charge £x per entry so potential for x profit if every child is entered.	Moderate - main effort is registering the event and getting sign up. The event then runs itself (I believe)
Kids party pack hire i.e. a PTA could buy 30 pieces of bowls, plates and cutlery, water jugs etc. and then hire these out for kids' parties. 30 kids per class x7 years (Primary) then that's a lot of potential parties every year! Buy unisex colours / designs so it blends in with any party theme! Or contact your local party kit hire – see here for a full list near you and ask them if they would consider donating	✓ A large plastic storage box would be ideal.	✓ A whole kit would cost approx. £100 to buy new.	✓ Once the initial outlay is made, this service can run for years on those same items £10 a hire returned washed; £15 a hire returned unwashed plus	Moderate – a continuous commitment to record hire, organise collection, potentially washing up (if offered as a service).

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the school PTA a commission charge. https://www.partykitnetwork.org/ Can also include party decoration hire to go with plates, cups etc. 			decoration or 'extras'.	
Hold a 'giant den building' full of repurposed cardboard boxes and let the children's imaginations go wild making dens, castles, ships, craft projects and then let the boxes get recycled afterwards. Get parents to donate large boxes in the 1-2 weeks leading up to the event, ask kids to all bring a blanket each and hey	√ (Temporary)	Nil	One off / occasional event. £1 entrance x how many children (risk ax!	Easy

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presto, the most fun, imaginative play session they will have in months! 				
Upcycle/junk modelling event or competition - An after-school event to make their favourite fictional character or person or robot - Or a competition which children can enter, do the modelling at home then bring in and pay 'entry fee' for competition.	Possibly – either storage for an event or no storage if done at home and brought in.	Minimal for a prize.	One off / occasional event. £1 entry minus a small prize.	Easy

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Baking events Everyone makes cakes at home and brings them to the school for a cake sale once a month.	A table and tablecloth for the cakes to stand on.	Nil	50p-£1 a cake.	Easy
Promote local upcycling artisan traders who can make teddies/bags/items out of an old/damaged uniform and arrange a collaboration where the school takes a % for any business.	Possibly if kept on site for events but no storage if sales were completed online with the trader.	If bought outright or none if affiliated link/discount code.	Regular	Moderate effort to find a maker and get donations, purchases.

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Affiliated links with other ethical/eco businesses from refill rooms to the local coffee shop if someone brings their own reusable cup. Get your own school specific code for a % to school. Therefore, it's in the school's best interest to promote these businesses in newsletters etc. in order to get % back.	Nil	Nil	Regular	Easy - would need promoting in school newsletter.
TerraCycling You make money from being an official drop off point, which is registered on their website and then you have to get a minimum weight limit (usually a few kg) and then you get paid.	√ Storage box(es).	Nil	Regular	Moderate – getting donations would involve effort in promotion but the boxing of items is more time-consuming.

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Textile recycling Please do look up how genuinely eco the scheme is!	√ Storage box.	Nil	Regular	
Bike repair/repair café event Get handy parents or contact your local repair café and offer to host an event and split any donation profits https://www.repaircafe.org/en/visit/	√ Space at an event.	Possibly paying the service repair person.	Annual	Moderate – to liaise and arrange practicalities plus event promotion.
Set up an allotment in the school grounds and sell the produce.	Garden space.	√ For seeds/composts/manure – donations.	Seasonal	Hard – lots of physical effort and time.
Clothes Swish – with a small entrance fee, every brings x items and then gets the same amount of tokens to use to use up.	Nil - Everyone brings on the night so no pre-storage	Nil	£5(ish) per person	Easy-moderate
Bingo – make it child friendly like Disney themed music and have a family, fun filled evening	Nil	To buy bingo cards (get everyone to bring their own pens) and prizes	£1 per person entry	Moderate

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