

# THE BIG PICNIC

## FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Create a picnic to remember by including some of these of fun activities. Either include the events in the 'donation fee' or ask people to give a suggested amount for each event - whatever's simpler for you. We'll make sure that every penny you raise helps to make a real difference to people living with cancer.



### **Treasure hunt**

You can't go wrong with a treasure hunt.

All you need to do is write a list of things that can be found in the area (eg flowers, feathers, something plastic). Then give a copy of the list to everyone at your picnic - and away you go. Whoever finds all the items on the list first wins.

### **Hot potato**

A quirky take on pass-the-parcel! Get the kids to sit in a circle. Play some music and have them toss a potato to the person next to them. The kid holding the potato when you turn off the music is out. The last one left in the circle wins.

### **Balloon toss**

An activity that really makes a splash. Ask the kids to get into pairs and stand opposite each other. Each pair should be an equal distance apart. Give each pair a water balloon and have them throw it to one another. After each throw, everyone takes a step back. Keep throwing and stepping back until only one team is left with an intact water balloon.

### **Picnic Olympics**

The egg-and-spoon race. The three-legged race. The parents' race. There are so many events you can compete in to become a Picnic Olympics champion.

### **Tug of war**

Girls vs boys. The Smiths vs the Joneses. Marmite lovers vs Marmite haters. Whatever the division, a game of tug of war will decide who's best. Ready? Steady? Heave ho!

### **Sweets in a jar**

Fill a jar for your picnic, and ask people to make a donation to guess how many sweets are in it. Or why not try a new twist on this old favourite? How about pound coins in a sock, scotch eggs in a goldfish bowl or baked beans in a bucket?



### **Face painting**

A colourful way to raise money. Everyone makes a donation to have their face painted. And parents can pay to escape the brushes and sponges.

### **Pick a winner with our [grid game \[PDF, 298kb\]](#)**

Use the grid game to raise more money at your picnic, just write your name against a symbol for a 'suggested' amount of money. When all the spaces are filled, cut the grid into squares, put all the names into a hat and pull out the winning silhouette. Split the proceeds between the winner and Macmillan.

### **Guess the baby competition**

Ask everyone to bring in a photo of themselves as a baby and guess who's who.

### **Wine tasting picnic**

Ask your local off-licence for some suggested wines and their description and serve as a sommelier for a day. Buy some picnic bites to complement your selection.

**Register for the Big Picnic online at [www.macmillan.org.uk/bigpicnic](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/bigpicnic)**