

January 2019

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January Beat the Blues Party

Early January

What better way to get rid of the January Blues than holding an office party?!

Decorate the office blue, bake blue themed cakes/biscuits and wear something blue to help beat the January blues whilst supporting Children with Cancer UK.

National Popcorn Day

19 January

Hire a popcorn cart and get the office to donate a couple of pounds per pot of popcorn as an afternoon treat.

You could also hold a movie night on National Popcorn Day and ask for a donation of what it would cost to go to the cinema.

Cheese Lovers Day

20 January

Hold a cheese and wine evening. You could bring in some cheeses and wine from around the world and guess where they're from. What's not to love?

Burns Night

25 January

To celebrate Scotland's national poet Robert Burns, host your own wee celebration.

Wear a touch of tartan and serve up haggis, neeps and tatties – if you can! And for afters, serve up deep fried Mars bars or tea and shortbread.

Build a Snowman Competition

Dependent on weather

If we are lucky enough to have the beautiful white fluffy stuff fall from the sky this year, then why not have a snowman competition?

Be as imaginative as you can and get a panel to award a prize for the best snowman.

Give it up for the Kids!

Find out more at giveitupforthekids.childrenwithcancer.org.uk

Whatever your vice might be, whether it's a pint at the pub or a sweet treat, challenge yourself to give up an indulgence for a month in support of Children with Cancer UK.

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Six Nations

Throughout February

Rugby Six Nations - it's a great excuse for rigger fans to indulge in an office sweepstake and raise lots of dosh for charity.

Chinese New Year

5 – 19 February

2019 – The year of the Pig.

Make some tasty Chinese dishes at lunchtime in return for donations.

Bake some fortune cookies to sell at work.

Make a mini dragon for your desk, best dragon wins a prize.

Valentine's Day

14 February

Wear something red to work.

Hold a Valentine's Day cocktail party and serve up a strawberry kiss or cranberry crush.

Oscars

22 February

Lights, camera, action.

Why not give your colleagues the recognition they deserve and award office Oscars in a range of categories? Just ask for a small donation for each nomination.

Test your colleagues' film knowledge with a big Oscar quiz.

Fancy dress as your favourite Hollywood star.

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Pancake Day

5 March

Celebrate Pancake Day with your colleagues by bringing in shop bought pancakes or making your own in the kitchen office (if you're allowed!)

Add lots of toppings and have a mid-morning or afternoon snack.

Ask for a donation for Children with Cancer UK.

The Big Half

10 March

Race in the celebration of the wonderful cultural diversity of the great city of London.

Number of participants: 15,000.

Distance: 13.1 miles.

Paris Half Marathon

10 March

Run through Paris on closed roads and take part in one of the most popular half marathon races in the world!

Number of participants: 40,000.

Distance: 13.1 miles.

St. Patrick's Day

17 March

Join in the fun of St. Paddy's Day by decorating the office green, holding a fancy dress competition and getting into the spirit of our Irish friends from over the pond!

Mother's Day

31 March

Donate prizes perfect for mums and sell them at work.

Ask suppliers and local businesses for gifts. We can supply you with a letter of authorisation for this.

Auction a lunch date

Throughout March

Get your colleagues together and auction off a lunch date with a member of staff. Get the company to cover the lunch cost. The highest bidder is the lucky winner of a very sought after lunch date.

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Spring Clean Month

Throughout April

Have a Spring Clean of your desks and office, and at home have a clear out of your wardrobes and hold that car boot sale you've been talking about for ages.

Donate the proceeds you make to Children with Cancer UK.

International Children's Book Day

2 April

Dress up as your favourite character from a book you remember from childhood and donate £1 to do so.

Bring in any unwanted books and hold a book sale in the office!

Donate the profits to Children with Cancer UK.

Virgin Money London Marathon

28 April

Run the most famous marathon in the world!

Children with Cancer UK have the biggest charity team out of all charities – 1,400 runners in 2018, raising an incredible £3 million!

Easter

19 – 22 April

Easter egg hunt around the office!

Pay a donation to take part.

Egg and spoon relay races - a suggested donation of £1 to enter.

Turn someone into an egg head. Employees pledge money. Set a target to hit (aim high!) at which point a volunteer must have their head shaved!

Fill a large sweet jar with mini eggs and ask employees and customers (if applicable) to pay £1 to guess the number of eggs. The closest guess wins all the eggs!

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National BBQ Month

Throughout May

Put the sizzle into summer early by hosting your own BBQ.

Organise games for your guests – from Twister to limbering up for a limbo.

Ask for a donation of £5-10 per head for coming along.

Eurovision

14 – 18 May

Belt out Beyoncé or sing along to Celine Dion to celebrate 60 years of Eurovision with an office karaoke competition.

Organise a Eurovision sweepstake and ask people to donate £1 to participate.

FA Cup final

18 May

Start a footie sweepstake with workmates with all donations helping us reach our goal of a world where no child dies of cancer.

RHS Chelsea Flower Show

21 – 25 May

This is the perfect opportunity to get your department blooming.

Each department creates its own little indoor garden space.

Invite the CEO over to crown the King or Queen of the competition and split the pot prize between the winner and Children with Cancer UK.

Rock 'n' Roll Liverpool Half and Full Marathon

25 – 26 May

Run through the heart of the Rock 'n' Roll capital of England in the UK's most musical weekend of running.

Number of participants: 16,000

Distance: 13.1 or 26.2 miles

Vitality London 10,000

26 May

Run through London on closed roads past famous sights including Big Ben, St Pauls Cathedral and Buckingham Palace.

Number of participants: 12,000

Distance: 10km

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Father's Day

16 June

Let's celebrate all things father related. Dad can be hard to buy for. Perhaps, instead of getting dad a present this year, use the money you would spend on a gift to donate to Children with Cancer UK instead.

Alternatively, donate prizes perfect for dads and sell them at work, or host an office raffle with the prize of a typical dads day out.

Royal Ascot

18 – 22 June

Get out your hats, fascinators and suits!

Organise for your work crew to go to the races.

Create your own sweepstake and give the winner half the winnings and the other half donate to Children with Cancer UK.

International Yoga Day

21 June

Get limber and relax!

Either get a local yoga instructor to donate their time to come and do a session or put on a YouTube video for all staff paying a small fee to participate.

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4th of July

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What a great excuse to host a party!

Enjoy the sun and good company by getting your friends and family together at home or your local park for a 4th of July celebration.

American tunes, food and outfits create the perfect recipe for your classic Party In the USA!

Ask guests to make a donation to participate in patriotic themed games and give a prize for the best outfit to create some healthy competition on the day.

Wimbledon

1 – 14 July

Whether or not you're making the journey to SW19, make a racket about Wimbledon by organising a charity sweepstake.

For something different, organise an Xbox tennis tournament in your workplace, for a suggested £3 donation join in.

Outdoor Exercise Class

July

Get that summer body happening!

Use a public park to get the whole office involved in an outdoor fitness class.

Organise a class once a week for a small fee for each participant for the entire month of July and give a prize to the person with the most PB's.

This is a great way to promote healthy living in the office.

Car Wash

July

The classic summer fundraising idea that works every time. Get staff to volunteer to wash the cars and make your local community aware of this event by posting on social media beforehand.

Cricket World Cup Final

14 July

Get down to your local park, and play your own cricket match.

Charge each person a fee to play, get team shirts with team names organised and cook up a BBQ.

You could even set up a sweepstake for the game. "Will Bob get out for a duck"?

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Elvis Week

9 – 17 August

A week dedicated to the King of Rock and Roll! Get all shook up and hold an Elvis impersonation contest – curled lips essential.

Or how about hosting a dinner of all his favourite food's while playing some of the King's top tunes?

National Garage Sale Day

10 August

Wave goodbye to clothes you never wear and unwanted presents still in their box by putting on a jumble sale for Children with Cancer UK this August.

To help you gather lots of goodies to sell, ask people at work to donate their unwanted treasures.

Carnival

26 August, Summer Bank Holiday

No need to catch a train to Notting Hill when you can hold your own carnival. Get your entire street involved, or head to a park or even your own back garden.

Embrace this cultural celebration and cook up a Caribbean storm in the kitchen. Charge a small fee for entry, music and face painting.

Reading and Leeds festival

August

Who needs the Foo Fighters!

Get yourself a stereo, some wellies, a few bales of hay and some cider and bobs your uncle...you have your own mini festival right on your doorstep.

Everyone makes a donation to take part.

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Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

September

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month so a very special month for fundraising at Children with Cancer UK.

Host an office quiz, free dress day, bake sale, sponsored walk or party.

World Video Game Day

12 September

Video games, crisps and fizzy drink.

Host your own games night with your friends, family or colleagues.

Get each participant to pay a small fee to participate and have a prize for the winner.

5-a-side Football Tournament

September

Get your colleagues together to play the world's most popular sport... football.

Hire a pitch at a 5-a-side centre or map out an area in a park. Charge each player a small fee to play and bring collection tins for spectators.

Have a trophy for the winning team to display in the office.

Great North Run

8 September

Join our Great North Run team and participate in the largest half marathon in the world!

Or join our cheer squad and help us encourage participants running for Children with Cancer UK.

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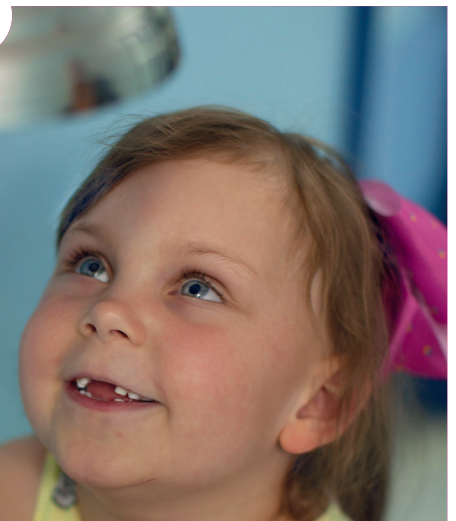
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Go sober for October

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Have you got the bottle to go sober in October?

Get friends and family to sponsor you!

National Chilli Month

October

Raw chilli eating contest - probably best to do this one after work.

Chilli cook off - host your own chilli dinner party and ask for donations in return.

London Cocktail Week

4 - 13 October

Cocktail party!

Don't try this one at work, unless of course it's non-alcoholic.

For an added twist, introduce a Bond theme to the night. Shaken not stirred!

Charge a small fee for all your cocktails on the night.

Chocolate Week

15 - 21 October

Willy Wonka had the right idea! This is your chance to turn the entire office into a mini chocolate factory! Dress up as your favourite character and get a chocolate fountain for the office!

There are so many options here from cake sales to milkshakes.

Halloween

31 October

So many fun opportunities around Halloween, such as a fancy dress competition, apple bobbing, guess how many sweets in a jar?

Oh and don't forget a scary movie showing with popcorn - a blanket is a must!

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November – the annual growing of moustaches. It is a great way to raise money and awareness and it's fun! Post your hilarious progress on social media.

Who doesn't want to see their fellow colleagues looking ridiculous!

World Vegan Day

1 November

We know everyone is a bit tired of bake sales but Vegan brownies are awesome, give it a try.

Lots of other great vegan recipes online!

Bonfire Night / Guy Fawkes

5 November

Dress the Guy competition – NOT just for kids.

Guys Fawkes quiz. How much do you really know about the plot to blow up parliament and the man behind it?

Have a Guy Fawkes fancy dress competition.

Guinness World Record Day

15 November

There are some crazy world records out there, so why not try and create your own and get sponsored to do it for Children with Cancer UK.

For weird and wonderful records to beat, visit the Guinness Book of World Records website.

Doctor Who Day

23 November

How about a Doctor Who Quiz among your colleagues? Charge £1 per player to enter. Award the winning team half the pot and donate the other half to Children with Cancer UK.

Thanksgiving

25 November

How much do you know about the USA? Hold a Thanksgiving quiz and ask for a donation to take part.

Pie off! Bake your favourite all American pie, ask the office if they're Team Pecan or Pumpkin?

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Decorate your desk

December

Decorate your desk with bells and holly. £1 in the pot to enter. Then ask a panel of judges to give a prize to the best (or most outlandish) desk.

Secret Santa

December

Instead of spending £5 or £10 on Secret Santa pressies, ask your colleagues to set the limit at £4 or £9 and have everyone donate that spare £1 to Children with Cancer UK.

Christmas Party

December

Make a one-off donation from your Christmas party fund to Children with Cancer UK.

Mini Christmas Market

December

Car park, canteen, meeting room or reception. No space is too small to hold your own work place mini Christmas market. Decorate your mini stalls and sell as many Christmas gifts as you can.

Cake Sale

December

Mince pies, gingerbread, Christmas cakes – this month really is a baker's paradise.

Christmas Jumper Day

December

Wear the most outlandish Christmas jumper you can find and get a panel to donate a prize to the worst or best (whichever way you look at it) jumper!

National Cupcake Day

15 December

Put your baking skills to the test and hold a cupcake sale in the office in return for a donation.

Your colleagues can enjoy a sweet treat with their morning coffee.

Hold a best decorated cupcake competition.

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