

LTSDA Chairmans Report 2022

I would like to start off this report, as always with a big thank you to all the members and helpers for supporting with all the fundraising events during this last academic year.

The first event we had in the LTSDA calendar was the Christmas fair. Due to Covid we had to cancel the previous two years. We were very excited to invite back some previous stall holders and also some new ones. However due to the effects of Storm Arwen the school was left without electricity for a week and there was a lot of damage caused to the woodland areas and walk way down to the Sportshall. This meant that we had to cancel the Christmas Fair. We still went ahead with the raffle and raised a fantastic amount of £1,234.

Throughout the year the LTSDA offer a clothing 'bank' facility via Ragbag. This has been a great addition and seems to be constantly full! Over the last year it has brought in £220. A huge thank you to all parents, friends, staff and children for cleaning out their drawers on a more regular basis and donating to a worthy cause.

In March 2022, we hosted our first event in the LTSDA calendar. After missing two years due to Covid restrictions we were finally able to host our Annual Quiz night. This was kindly hosted by Sarah and Andy Maddock. As always, the evening was well supported (approx 80 tickets sold), and we saw some exciting and fun table decorations which added to the evening. We raised £875 through a combination of tickets sold, raffle tickets and bar revenue. Many thanks again to all who helped and supported us on the evening, a special thanks to Sandra Bullen, Ruth Mole and Jonathan Lee who were extremely entertaining on the bar!

Our next event was the Spring Ball in May. A huge thank you to all the committee members and helpers that made it a fantastic evening. Fiona Burn did a great job of the catering and we had our 5th and 6th formers serving the food to our guests. The night consisted of canapes on arrival, followed by a two course dinner, auction and dancing to Sumerland. Special thank you to all those who helped decorate the hall prior to the night and to David Armstrong who did a fantastic job as the auctioneer. We raised just over £11,000 and a great night was had by all. The money raised will go towards a new Trail track around the school and we have also purchased new netball posts for the junior school.

The final events in the calendar were the junior and senior school sports days. Fortunately this year, both days were warm and sunny! We raised £562 combined over the two days.

In May this year, work finally started on the refurbishment of Mabel! K.Dixon Building Services have agreed to take it on and are currently making great progress.

At last year's AGM the following we re-elected:

Chairman – Lucy Armstrong
Treasurer – Vicki Bryson
Secretary – Jane Lindsay
100 Club Secretary – Caroline Tempest

We welcome new committee member Louise Scott. In addition to committee members we also welcomed a few new parents who prefer to be 'helpers' which we call upon for any school events.

Thank you again for all your help and ongoing support.

Lucy Armstrong
Chair