

LTSDA Chairmans Report 2023

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

The first event we had in the LTSDA calendar was the Car Boot Sale. This was a first for the LTSDA. We had an impressive 25 stalls/car boots attend on a very cold Sunday in October! Queen of the BBQ (Hana) was on hand serving bacon and sausage rolls from the BBQ which were extremely popular and helped to warm us up!

Unfortunately, there was another car boot sale on the same day so footfall was not great. But it was a great learning curve and definitely an event we would like to do again, but maybe in the Spring. We raised an incredible £260.

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 £152. 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 November, we hosted another first for the LTSDA calendar – a silent disco. Initially we advertised this as a whole school event, however, it only attracted attention from the junior pupils. The night was a great success, albeit a very quiet one! After all expenses we raised £27.

The next event we hosted was the highlight in the school calendar – the Christmas Fair! We had 30 external stalls offering a great range of Christmas gifts, decorations, food items and cards etc. We also had 7 internal school stalls. It was extremely well supported with lots of footfall on the day and some very happy stall holders. With thanks to the raffle, café, Grotto, tombola and fees, we raised a fantastic amount of £2,250.

Easy fundraising provided us with a total of £21 – this is from parents/friends of the school using the Easy fundraising web page when buying items from the internet.

Our first event in 2023 was the Bi-annual Quiz night. This took place in February and was extremely well supported (12 teams). Big thank you to Sarah & Andy Maddock for being our quiz masters. It was a hugely successful night and we raised £233.

Our next event took place in April - we hosted a Wine, Cheese and Chocolate evening. We have had Wine and Cheese nights in the past but we have not paired wine with chocolate before! Six carefully selected wines were paired with Doddington cheese and some indulgent chocolate treats. It was a really fun and interesting night and our thanks goes to Gavin and Rachel from Majestic Wines for hosting the event. 30 people attended the evening and we raised £360.

Next event on the calendar were the junior and senior Sports Days. Homemade fruit milkshakes were our new offering which the children seemed to enjoy very much! We were blessed by the weather on both days and raised a combined amount of £534 in total.

The sales of 'second hand' uniform has been very successful this last year and raised just over £1500 which is amazing! A huge thank you to the school for helping to co-ordinate.

After a very successful year due to increased numbers, the 100 club was able to transfer £2000 into the main LTSDA account. Again a huge thank you to parents/grandparents/friends of the school in supporting the 100 club.

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 Aleysha McLaren. Susie McDonald, Celia Paton, Brandon Jones, Dannie Kirk and Steph Rennie. In addition to new committee members we also said goodbye to Kirstin Evans. Kirstin's daughter left the 6th form last academic year. We thank Kirstin for all her help and support on the committee.

Thank you again for all your help and ongoing support. Vicki, our Treasurer will now discuss last year's expenditure, in the Treasurers Report.

Lucy Armstrong
Chair