

LTSDA Chairmans Report 2024-5

I have been a long-standing LTSDA member for few years, the last one as a current chairman. I also must mention Lucy A, who resigned as Chair last year but was still willing to guide me and give me a helping hand when needed, for which I am very grateful.

I have very much enjoyed my time helping to raise funds for the school, while having fun doing it. None of this would be possible without all the committee members, staff, families and friends of Longridge! Huge thanks to our new members for joining our team of volunteers, as it is crucial for the long-term vitality and the growth of this organization.

The first event in the LTSDA calendar was the annual Quiz night in November. Andy and Sarah M were excellent hosts and made the evening great fun. We have raised £189. The following Quiz night had to be cancelled due to low numbers, and we are looking at dates for another quiz and considering the format.

The next event we hosted was the Christmas Fair! We had over 30 external stalls offering a great range of Christmas gifts, decorations, food items and cards etc. We also had some internal school stalls. Senior pupils were more involved in the fair this year which was great. In combination with raffle, tombola, cafe and others, we have made a net profit of £2734. LTSDA had a relationship with a stall holder - she gave us 10% of the profits (she had 3 tables) - we received £65 from her. Committee members questioned if we could have a similar relationship with other stall holders which will be explored.

May Day celebration was definitely unforgettable, with our Pony bingo! Tuppence, the pony was the main star, an absolute joy to have. Many thanks to Susie M for bringing him into our lives. Refreshments in place, alongside promoting LTSDA and 100 club. We have made a total of £414. Not bad for a new venture.

We were very lucky with the weather (although in June) on both sports' day, Junior and Senior. Pupils, teachers and parents came together for a friendly, fun- filled days of competitive games. Sausages, burgers, strawberries, ice cream, sweets and other refreshments were provided on the day. We have managed to raise an amount of £570.

Parents cricket and rounders was a success. All food and drinks were provided gratis by the school to say thank you to all our Cricket strip donors. We have managed to fundraise enough money for the new

cricket strip, which was installed during Easter holidays. The fundraising, and generous donations were invested in cricket facilities costing £8,826 net. We are incredibly grateful for the private donations amounting to over £2300 for this project – thank you.

Easy-fundraising provided us with a total of £104 – this is from parents/friends of the school using the Easy-fundraising web page when buying items from the internet. Very easy to use and easy profit and we are hoping to promote the use more next year with our parents and staff.

The sales of 'secondhand uniform have been very successful this last year and raised £440, which is amazing! A huge thank you to the team at school for helping to co-ordinate. Throughout the year LTSDA offer a clothing 'bank' facility via Ragbag and other. Unfortunately, the services have become unreliable and the price unviable. Therefore, we have decided at our last LTSDA meeting to have the container removed. Combined RagBag and Vinted have raised £53.80 and neither venture is continuing but we will explore alternatives as a good venture when it works.

A good year for the 100 Club, although we still have a few numbers available. Again, a huge thank you to parents/grandparents/friends of the school in supporting the 100 club and mainly to Caroline for coordinating all of it. 100 club also donated £1000 towards cricket equipment, which was much appreciated.

Our biggest spent was the Cricket strip and, practice nets as well as Mabel including the official opening. It is good to see the children have all been enjoying both projects.

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

Chairman – Hana H

Treasurer – Vicki B

Secretary – Jane L

100 Club Secretary – Caroline T

We welcome new committee members: Sophie H, Emma M, Louis K, Jo M and Donna W. We also said a sad farewell to Louise S and Aleysa M. We thank them both for all their help and support they have provided to the committee.

Thank you again for all your help and ongoing support.

Hana Hearn
Chair