



Lady Bay School Association

Charity Number. 1052324

Annual General Meeting Chair's Report 2019-2020

The LBSA aims to advance the education of pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities and resources at the school (not provided by the Local Education Authority).

Thank you to everyone for attending the meeting tonight. This has been my first year as Chair of the LBSA and I would like to thank all the committee members for their support and dedication. It has been a very unusual year due to the presence of COVID-19 in our lives. As such, we have only been able to host two of our fundraising events out of the nine planned. However, due to the efforts of the committee members seeking other avenues of funding, we have still raised a huge £12,576.98 for the school during 2019-20. Further details of this breakdown are found in the Treasurer's report.

Fundraising Events

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair raised £2,457.39 (previously raised £2,800 in 2019) and was a great success. It worked well having the Sweetie Stall in the Dragon's Diner and the Teddy Stall in the main hall, as this separated the two stalls that have the biggest queues. The raffle was a huge success. Thank you to local businesses for their donations and all the parents that contributed to the raffle baskets.

Disco

Raised £937.45 (previously raised £716.14 in 2017-18, we did not hold a disco in 2018-19). Thank you to Vinyl Revolution for donating their time for free. Also thank you to all the parents and teachers who donated their time to help with the event.

Mother's Day Stall

Usually children contribute £1 towards a Mother's Day gift and the money raised goes to a chosen external charity. The gift this year was sunflower seeds (kindly put together by Jo Beaumont). The LBSA committee made the decision to gift these seeds to all the children, as it did not seem appropriate to ask for donations at such uncertain times when the country was going into lockdown.

Other Fundraising

I would like to thank the members of the committee that have sought other means of fundraising this year, especially Becky Dewdney-York for writing the applications for both the Co-op Community Fund and Lady

Bay Community Fund (LBCF). These have bought in £8511.74 of additional funding, which is hugely important, especially at a time when we cannot run our normal events.

Thank you to those of you that have rallied together to get events off the ground during these unusual times. It is great that we have managed to put on a Safari Sale at short notice (thank you Louise Beaumont-McGaw and Becky Dewdney-York) and hopefully will earn lots of money for the school through the Bag2School donations. Thank you to everyone who has taken part or donated to these fundraisers. The money from these will go into the 2020-21 financial report.

Engagement with local businesses

We are very grateful to the local businesses who have supported the LBSA by providing donations to the Christmas raffle and having stalls at the Christmas Fair. Thank you to the Co-Op for having the LBSA as one of their community fund recipients and for all those who have supported us by choosing the LBSA as their nominated charity.

Funding

It has been exciting this year to contribute money to significant projects within the school and see the results of our fundraising. The LBSA has funded:

- development of the foundation outside area by providing resource sheds for the children to use. Several of the committee members were also there to help clear the area ready for the new sheds.
- Art sessions run by Belinda Poon. So far Year 5 and Foundation have benefited from these and their work is on display in school.
- Money from the Co-op fund has been spent on iPads.
- Each year we also provide funding for Twinkl and the school leavers hoodies.

Going forward we have agreed to fund:

- Outdoor reading area which will be located on the Junior playground
- Outdoor teaching area for year 1/2
- Reading Patron – Gareth Baker
- Library books (Dyslexia Focus)

Words of thanks

Thank you to all the parents, staff and local businesses that have contributed to the LBSA this year. These funds are a result of all of your donations of money, time and prizes. Thank you for your generosity and please keep supporting the LBSA.

Thank you to all the committee members for all their great ideas and for giving up so much of their time to make these events go ahead. Thank you to Geri Dyke and Becky Dewdney-York for their guidance over this past year. I'm proud to be part of such a great and dedicated team.

A special thanks to Hannah Ashton and Philippa Dalton who have been such dedicated members of the LBSA team since their children started in foundation, but now move on to secondary school. Thank you for all the energy you both put into the LBSA. You will be missed.

New members

We would love for you to join us. We always welcome new ideas for fundraising and the more people that help with events, the better. We meet at least once a half term, as usually we have events to plan. Normally we would meet at one of the pubs in Lady Bay, or at someone's house, but going forward it is likely that more of our meetings will be held via Zoom. Please contact us via ladybayschoolassoc@gmail.com to share your ideas or join in a future meeting. We will also update the LBSA pages on the school website with event dates.

We do not know how long the COVID-19 restrictions are going to be in place; nor how and when they will change. This is going to bring different challenges this year. For instance, it is unlikely that we will be able to hold the Christmas Fair as we all know it. However, we can promote the use of Amazon Smile and EasyFundraising and other avenues are being explored. I am confident that the LBSA committee members will be creative and will come up with new and exciting fundraising ideas to support the school.

Kristy Angell
Chair 2019/20