

Chair's Report 2018-2019

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). Our treasurer's report will show that the 2018-19 academic year has been a successful one yet again.

This is my second year as chair and I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone involved in raising money for Lady Bay Primary School and I hope this support will continue into the future.

As the Treasurer's report will detail, we have raised an amazing £11,980.29 (profit) during the year.

In terms of members, we have myself as chair, Becky Dewdney-York as treasurer, Geri Dyke and Catherine Russell as co-secretaries and there are 11 committee members. I am grateful for the commitment that everyone on the committee puts into the events we organise. It is a small team, but grew in numbers after the last AGM. This enables tasks to be shared more widely and allows for a greater range of ideas to be expressed.

Highlights of the past PTA year

The two key fundraising events for the LBSA are:-

- Christmas Fair (£2,800) It was another resounding success. It is always a struggle to accommodate everyone into the available space, but we make the best of what we have. The raffle baskets, teddy stall and chocolate tombola continue to delight.
- Summer fair (£2,747.10 + £1,000 (match funding)- The summer fair was blessed with warm weather again. We went with a festival vibe with local bands and singers entertaining throughout the day. This provided a wonderful atmosphere and was enjoyed by everyone attending.

2018/2019 saw the LBSA continue to pursue a range of other events as well:

- Outdoor cinema
- Film night
- Arts fair café
- Safari sale
- Mothers day stall (proceeds to Stonebridge City Farm)
- Open gardens (this event clashed with our summer fair but a local resident raised funds for the LBSA through a refreshment stall)
- Bags 2 Schools- new event (thank you Kristy Angell for organising as well as storing the hundreds of bags along with Claire Stafford and myself)

Engagement with Local Businesses

Our engagement with local businesses continued this year. Some examples of this include:

- Business donations to the Christmas raffle
- Business's selling Safari Sale maps
- Vendors who provided food at the Christmas and summer fairs.
- We also have close links with the Coop as we are one of their Community fund recipients. We have applied for this coming year too.

Funding

This year we have put funds towards Twinkl, rainbow benches, literature library and leaver hoodies. We didn't have a main focus for the money raised; therefore we have a healthy amount within our account.

As the financial year comes to an end we are making preliminary plans for how the current (£19,634.04) and future funds raised can be used. Mr Border has shared a vision for the school with regards to the outdoor areas. The LBSA are enthusiastic to have a focus for this coming year. Initially we are to purchase topic sheds and resources for KS1 and research is underway for a gazebo for the junior playground.

Word of Thanks

These events do not happen by magic and wouldn't be possible without the contributions of parents and staff. To everybody who has helped, attended, purchased tickets or volunteered their time - thank you and please keep supporting the LBSA.

I will be stepping down as chair this year so I wish to extend my gratitude to our treasurer and co-secretaries and to all the committee members for all their time, support and hard work.

The role of the chair has been an enjoyable one and it has been made easier by those around me and from the support of the staff who help at the events as well as the office staff who continue to respond to our enquiries and administration needs.

I hope to continue to support the LBSA as a committee member and with the positive vision from Mr Border I am excited to see what happens during this next year.

New Members

For anyone thinking of joining the LBSA – please do! The more people there are to help, the more the workload can be shared. The meetings generally happen post and pre events at one of the Lady Bay pubs or at someone's house. We discuss past and future fundraising enterprises and would welcome contributions from new members, or parents who just want to share their ideas. Come along to a meeting or you can contact us by emailing ladybayschoolassoc@gmail.com. Keep an eye out for our next newsletter or the school website for up and coming events.

This will be my final year at Lady Bay Primary School as my youngest leaves in September 2020. I am excited for the future of the LBSA and for the school as I can see it growing from strength to strength.

Regards
Hannah Ashton

Chair October 2018/19