



Lady Bay School Association

Charity Number. 1052324

Annual General Meeting Chair's Report 2020-21

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. It is so lovely to see so many of you in person, rather than via ZOOM. This has been my second year as Chair of the LBSA and I would like to thank all the committee members for their support and dedication. Yet again, it has been a very unusual year due to the presence of COVID-19 in our lives. In my report last year, I said "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." Needless to say, you have not disappointed and we have managed to raise £10,217.24 for the school during 2020-21. Further details of this breakdown are found in the Treasurer's report.

Fundraising Events

Safari Sale

We have managed to run two Safari Sales in this past school year. The first one was held in September 2020 and was opened by the Mayor of Rushcliffe, Sue Mallender. This was our first event after COVID restrictions were introduced. It raised £600 (charged £5 per stall).

The second Safari Sale was held in June this year. It was another success, raising £1,560.39, along with the clothes collection (charged £10 per stall). This is always such a popular community event, so it might be worth considering running two a year going forward.

Clothes Collection

The clothes collections have become a great add on to the Safari Sales. In October 2020, we filled Becky's garage and raised £534 through Bag 2 School.

This year, we approached a local firm called Cash 4 Clothes, which are based on Lenton Lane. There were a lot of benefits to switching: we could get 40p/kg (Bag 2 School reduced to 30p/kg), arrange a day to suit us without booking months in advance and the added bonus was that they collected everything without us having to load the van ourselves! The team there could not have been more helpful, so it makes sense to use them for future collections.

Christmas Events

The LBSA creativity shone when it came to raising money at Christmas. We were unable to hold the usual Christmas Fair; so "Winter Windows" was born. It was a fantastic, COVID-safe community event, showcasing the creativity of Lady Bay. The evening was truly lovely and raised £1,382.00 boosted by a £250 donation from the Lady Bay Arts Trail. Thank you to Louise Beaumont-McGaw and Becky York for introducing this wonderful community event, which hopefully will be repeated this year.

The marketing and posters for Winter Windows were designed by Lee Williams and he kindly had these printed into Christmas cards to help raise further funds.

We worked in partnership with The Christmas Tree Company in Beeston to bring Christmas trees to Lady Bay.

The cards and Christmas trees raised an additional £606.57 for the school.

As the children could not have their usual Christmas Fair, Kate Robson and Sally Bailey came up with the idea of a Virtual Christmas Fair. We provided Guess the name of Teddy and guess how many sweets in the jar for the children to play in their classrooms during their class parties. A Christmas pack of activities was put together and a gift of Smarties. The idea behind the Smarties was that the tubes could be filled with change for doing little tasks and then returned to school. All dietary requirements of the children were catered for. Sally did a fantastic job of contacting local businesses to get the Smarties, teddies and other sweets for free. Jo Beaumont assembled craft activities. Kate put together fun games that could be accessed online. We got donations on the day towards the Virtual Christmas Fair and then donations from the Smartie Challenge. Unfortunately, with the lockdown after Christmas this didn't gain the momentum we had hoped for, but the whole event still raised an extra £215.89.

Thanks go to the Good Weigh, Co-Op, Asda and Morrisons for their donations towards this fundraiser.

It was not easy to run these events with COVID restrictions, but I want to thank everyone for their enthusiasm and continual dedication to get these off the ground. Special thanks go to Becky York for her many hours dealing with PayPal and other payment platforms to enable us to fundraise safely and remotely.

Other Fundraising

The Co-Op Community fund which has brought in £4918.12 of additional funding, which is hugely important, especially at a time when we cannot run our normal events.

Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile have raised another £150 for the school. These are great ways for people to raise money for the school without costing anything. Amazon Smile donates 0.5% on eligible purchases to the LBSA. Greater promotion of these is needed, especially in the lead up to Christmas.

I want to thank everyone who put so much effort into the Campover. It was such a hard decision to cancel with only a week to go, but in hindsight was very sensible after the spike in COVID cases at school. It is exciting that we have the Fireworks night to look forward to. Thank you to the team that are working so hard on this at the moment.

Engagement with local businesses

We are very grateful to the local businesses who have supported the LBSA by providing donations to the Virtual 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:

- Outdoor classroom/reading area which is located on the Junior playground
- Outdoor teaching area for year 1/2
- Reading Patron – Gareth Baker
- Library books (Dyslexia Focus)
- Continue to fund Twinkl
- Contribute to the Year 6 leavers hoodies, as a thank you for all their contributions to the LBSA during their time at Lady Bay Primary School.
- Co-Op funding used for iPads.

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 every single committee member for all their great ideas and for giving up so much of their time to plan and execute these events. Thank you to the Secretary (Geri McCabe) and the Treasurer (Becky York) for all that you do.

I think the year has taken its toll on the enthusiasm of the members. Everyone has continued to work so hard to fundraise despite the setbacks of events being cancelled. Most events have been organized using WhatsApp, which is great, but I think in the past we have all got so much more out of the meetings in person. I hope we can get back to this soon and enjoy the fun of planning together.

Thank you for having me as the Chair of the LBSA. I have really enjoyed my time. Although it hasn't been the event-filled two years I was expecting, I am incredibly proud of how we have adapted our fundraising. It is great to work alongside such enthusiastic people, who willingly donate their time to support the school. I will support the new Chair in any way I can and would gladly take the roll again, if voted back in the future.

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 and hopefully this will resume. 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.

Kristy Angell
Chair 2020/21

