



Chair Person's Report 2022-23

Welcome to the 2022/2023 Lindow PTA AGM. What an awesome year we have had. The Support we have received from Mr O Keefe as the new Head Teacher and Miss Oakes has made a huge difference and has enabled us to have a really great year. We have been super busy but have really enjoyed it. The feedback from the school community has been very positive and our events have been very well attended. It is so rewarding to see and hear about the benefit of our fundraising with the purchase of the Chromebooks (who can i thank for my kids new proficiency in Chrome Music Lab, it's quite the audio experience). Our focus remains on funding our outdoor Maths learning area (a note of thanks to Ian Culligan (BUPA) for being successful in obtaining £2600 towards this project), just a couple of more events and a touch more blood sweat and tears and we will get there!! On behalf of Rachel and myself I would like to thank the committee and the greater PTA group for their unwavering support and not rolling their eyes too much at my never ending ideas for events and my inability to say no!

Events

We started the academic year with selling ice lollies. The weather in September had been glorious and an ideal way to welcome new and old families back to school, we raised £92.45. This is a quick and easy way to raise money, and we are learning more about which ice lollies sell best and providing healthier alternatives as well such as watermelon, based on feedback from parents/ carers.

At the beginning of the term we held our first Pizza and Quiz night, which was a huge success, and we saw lots of new parents come along and be part of the Lindow community. James Denton did a fantastic job of being quiz master and we had pizzas from 'That Pizza Place' where we managed to get large pizzas for £6 or £6.50, the atmosphere was brilliant and we learnt Lindow parents certainly are competitive! We raised a fantastic £983.04 through ticket sales and the bar.

For the children, we held a movie night which was held in the hall, we provided snacks and a drink and set out mats and benches for the children to sit on. We had lots of volunteers and we definitely couldn't have done it without the amazing Lindow staff staying and helping with crowd control and the many toilet trips! We raised £660

In the run up to Christmas we sold our annual school calendars, we asked our very own Lindow parents, Senem to come and be our photographer. We learnt from previous years to order on a pre-order basis so we were not left with surplus and this was a far better way of doing it. We had to increase the cost of calendars from £10 to £12 to cover the increased cost of printing. We raised £696

We sent Christmas card design packs out to all families last year with a full list of instructions, we had a positive response and raised - £ 597.76, a slight increase on last year's cards.

Football tuck, we were invited to provide a tuck for the showing of the World Cup game, this was a great event to be part of and we raised £160.77

The Christmas fair, we held this on the Friday after school once again, as an outside market style with indoor activities too. It was a very cold evening but it was dry. The highlights of this event have to be Santa's grotto, Abbie and Sam did an amazing job creating winter wonderland and Santa's very own grotto, it was magical. As we didn't have this the previous year we splashed out on a brand new Santa suit and enrolled our trusted entertainer, James Denton, who was a brilliant Santa, he even convinced his own children he was the real deal. Other aspects we have learnt from are the food, we outsourced this for ease but moving forward we would do our own catering to raise more money. We raised £1,884.23.

Easyfundraising- £15.96, a partnership shopping site, this is slightly less than last year and again we need to be better at advertising this and showing parents how to support us in this way.

In January we ran a dress down and tuck shop and raised £282.82. Now cash is circulating a little better, we find donations are increasing.

In February we saw the return of our 'Love Lindow' disco, this time we outsourced the music and hired a DJ. We also ran this at 2 different times to give the younger children a chance to come earlier where the music was quieter and the lights were turned on. The older children then came later and the lights were turned off and music turned up. We found most parents and children stayed for the whole time and we managed to raise £1,431.90, our second highest earning event of the year. Having a DJ was a great addition this time. Next year we will look into the option of a silent disco, which we hear has been very positive in other schools.

In March we ran another movie night but decided to play 2 different films with juniors being given the option of watching a PG or a U film. The infants enjoyed Sing along Encanto and the juniors had the option of watching Lyle, Lyle crocodile. Feedback was the juniors much preferred having the option of either and enjoyed watching the film in their classroom. The infants enjoyed the film but needed a bit of refocusing at times. We will include activities to help keep the younger years more focused next time. The Rex cinema kindly donated the popcorn. We raised £575.00

This year we ran a Mother's Day shop and raised £369.20. This was a lovely experience and the children enjoyed choosing gifts for their mothers, we had lots of choices and varying price options. The wrapping was a challenge, paper bags might be a good option next time. Some children didn't have money which raised some issues but we gave flowers to these children to ensure everyone had the chance to give their mum a gift.

We sold Krispy Kreme doughnuts and took pre-orders so we didn't end up with surplus, this worked really well, always a popular event. We raised £268.50

Spring Shindig- after the success of last year's Spring Shindig we were excited about holding this event again. We went for May to hold it in the hope of warmer weather so people could spread outside. We decided not to provide food this year keeping costs down, we were allowed to give free welcome drink but unable to negotiate a cut from the bar. The Lyon's provided an amazing selection of cheese again. We raised a fantastic £792.00.

Sports day- despite the weather and having to cancel half way through we still raised £205.20

Year 6 Performance- it was an absolute pleasure to be invited provide refreshments for the year 6 performance, the children did an amazing job and we raised £197.80

Raffle- due to the weather we had a postpone the summer fair before the school closed for the summer, however we did manage to hold a raffle, we had different themes and it was very well received and we raised £358

We finished the school year with a tuck shop and raised £132.00

Other income-

Easy funding- 28.39

Recycling - £88.40

My Name Tags - £20.00

In total we raised £9,839.42