

Chairs Report 24/25

Well, Hiya!! Greetings from Colorado. Important things first, Liz I hope you've flung out some very good quality biscuits for tonight's meeting!! It feels so strange to be writing this report from here than scrambling at the last minute in Brook lane Coffee Shop. Obviously I'm still scrambling, and always will be scrambling but just from a community with a slightly bluer sky.

I miss you all enormously and think of the school often. I have been trying very very hard not to throw myself into the PTA life here, I've managed to hold back from volunteering... mostly. (two meetings attended, zero committees joined). I have however heard myself say "whatever you need" maybe 4 times but that still counts as restraint, right??

It's been wonderful to hear all the fantastic things happening this year and to know the Lindow PTA spirit is still as strong and enthusiastic as ever!

On behalf of Sophie and myself, I'd like to thank the PTA committee, the wider PTA group and the school leadership team and teachers for their unwavering support during the last year, the biggest thanks of all is saved for the Lindow families who were so very generous with their donations and time and support, we are as ever very very grateful.

As the outgoing PTA Co-Chair I'm absolutely delighted to share the highlights of our super successful year.

Events:

What a year we had, reading through everything we have done makes me absolutely knackered and proud in equal measures, lets get into it!

Movie night: We kicked off the year in style with another really well supported movie night. Always a hit with the parent (for very reasonable childcare)& the kids really love it too! We raised an incredible £681.30.

Wilmslow Round Table Fireworks: Wilmslow loves a tombola. This is a truly great event to be invited to. With no outlay apart from standing in a cold field for hours on end it is such a brilliant earner. We made £607.93.

Calendars: A Lindow tradition & a firm favourite! Chaotic on the day but those smiling faces and zipped up fleeces and cardigans are worth it!! We made £267.15 from these.

Festive Friday: Pure Lindow magic, again absolute madness but a really fun evening! £1370.45 was the profit from this.

Christmas Performances: We provided Tea and Coffee with mince pies for all the performances. Through this we raised £134.20

World Book Day: We were given the wonderful opportunity to have a new to you uniform stand and a new to you book sale this year on World Book Day!! We also threw in a tuck! Amount raised was £82.80

Lindow Big Party: What a celebration!! Nat H and her trusty sub committee absolutely smashed this one! It was a proper party with music, food, an auction and lots of catch ups and games and fun. Thanks again to the wonderful Al & Sophie Lyon for the very generous donation of delicious cheese. The night was a total success with a huge profit of £3211.81

Mothers & Fathers Day Shop: Two of our favourites, a gorgeous tradition, seeing the kids carefully choose a gift for their special grown ups is just good for the soul!! Never a huge earner but better this year due to Nina from Tesco helping us out with some daffodils for mothers day (always grateful to Nina for her support) We raised £235.26 from these lovely afternoons.

Movie Night (2): Because one clearly wasn't enough!! A profit of £558.63 is proof that these nights are such great earners! We couldn't run these nights without teacher help and for that we are very grateful.

Disco: Glow sticks, Tuck shop, Loud music and a Bar for the grown ups. What more do you need for success? We were blessed with great weather which allowed adults to sit outside and escape the craziness. £873.06 was our profit

Summer Fair: The big one!! Even with a weather reschedule, this was such a hit!! It's such a great event in the Lindow Calendar. Games galore, bouncy castles (chaotic as ever), tuck shop, a fully stocked bar and this year's addition of a BBQ made this day a total success. We raised an incredible £2464.79.

Sports Day Refreshments: We avoided the rain and provided tea, coffee and soft drinks to the grown ups. £72.25 raised!

Year 6 Performance: Again another highlight. A wonderful send off for our year 6 kids!! Seeing the work that Miss O and Mrs P put in every year just blows our mind. We are so lucky to have them! We do a Tuck Shop for this event and raised £115.86

Ice Lolly Sales: Just the one Ice Lolly sale says a lot about our weather this year I think. Our profit from this one was £62.00

Additional income came from Easy Fundraising which is money for nothing (just need to be better at promoting) £226.23. We were also so so lucky to receive a super generous donation from Enterprise Car Hire (facilitated by the lovely Jane Turnbull) of £5000. Thank you Jane!

Expenditure: Our big expense this year was the wonderful play structure in the playground. This was supplied by Pentagon Play and the feedback from the school community was very very positive. We were so happy to get this done!! This cost £12250.

Other expenses this year were:

Panto Snacks and Panto Coaches: £801

Christmas Crackers for the School Christmas Lunch: £45.36

Living Eggs: £245

Year 6 Hoodies: £725

So there we have it! What a year!! For a small single intake school this is fantastic and again I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our PTA members outgoing and incoming, Volunteers, Mr O'Keefe, Miss Oakes, all the teachers and support staff in the classrooms & of course the wonderful Mrs O'Rourke, Mr Wright & the wonderful Mr Billington. Your support has made this year a success and it has been such a pleasure working alongside such a passionate and committed group of people. I am so confident you can all achieve even more for our children and our school community this coming year. I have truly loved being part of this PTA, it has been so much fun and has given Craig, Jack and Ruby and me so many great memories. I miss you all, please let me know if you need anything and please keep in touch.