



Our Lady of Lourdes School Association of Parents & Friends

Chair Report 2023/24

Huge thanks to everyone who donated items, came to the Fairs and generally supported our fundraising initiatives. With your help, we've had another successful year of fundraising which has enabled us to provide enrichment opportunities for all our children and fund key, unbudgeted-for items. However, none of that would have been possible without the time, effort and dedication of the committee members and a group of engaged parents.

Fundraising activities 2023/24

- Pre-loved clothing collections
- Uniform sales
- Calendars
- Christmas cards
- Christmas Fair
- OLOLonka Bars
- Ice cream/donut/cookie sales
- Summer Fair
- Match funding
- Tesco blue tokens

What we made happen

- Reception welcome party
- Christmas panto
- Christmas lunch sundries
- Annual subscription to Discovery Education
- New phonics books
- Classroom resources
- Music lessons for each year
- History resource boxes
- Science workshop for the whole school
- Sponsorship of a North London Hospice owl
- Resources for the Infant playground

Who made it happen

One special committee member

Tina Brown has played a key role on our committee for the past eight years. Tina has managed to single-handedly run preloved uniform sales, manage our social media, transform chocolate into works of art, devise new fundraising initiatives, including the very popular OLOLonka bars, and support each of our events - all whilst also managing a growing family of four children. Tina has now moved schools and we will really miss her dedication, enthusiasm and support. Thank you, Tina.

Committee members

Small but perfectly formed, the committee members work as a team to support each other in our fundraising endeavours. All our initiatives are a team effort, but we also each take responsibility for key tasks:

- Kati managed the money (and Eva lent her expertise in the background and tirelessly chased HMRC for our Gift Aid rebate).
- Michelle organised the Christmas cards and transformed a dark, empty space into Santa's Grotto.
- Sandra made the calendars happen, sourced the children's tombola prizes and managed the donut/ice cream/cookie sales. Big thanks also to Sandra's sister, Nadia, for getting us match funding from Barclays.
- Vicki made the Present Room happen.
- Tony kept a record of all our meetings and played a key role in getting all the stalls set up for the Fairs.
- Janine organised elves and managed Santa's diary.
- Geraldine worked her contacts to source raffle prizes.

Parent community

We are very lucky to have a group of engaged parents who turn up year after year to help bring our fundraising activities to life - we could not do it without them. Thank you to:

- Angelo Staffeiro for taking on every job that is requested of him.
- Brendan Corrigan for lighting up Santa's Grotto.
- Louisa O'Brien and Beth Vargeson for transforming our chocolate donations into prizes for the tombola stall
- Ivana Poli for sourcing raffle prizes
- Andrew Hudson for creating promotional material for our initiatives
- Mel Winter and Katie Carroll for providing their creativity and own resources to make the arts and crafts stall happen
- Ceylan Basrieva and her family for their baking skills that brought our cake stall to life
- Clare and Jason Cook for always offering their help

- Mr and Mrs Fieldhouse (Mrs Hood's parents) for actively participating in our Fairs.

Each year, we also have to say goodbye to some of our parent community as their children move on to secondary school - they will be greatly missed! Thank you to:

- Frank & Felicia Antonioni for bringing the OLOL kitchen to life at all our events
- Eloisa Ajazi for her sales skills
- Ofe Nwaobi for her photography skills
- Tracy Taylor for donating great raffle prizes
- Jessi Goodhead for enthusiastically running the cake stall and Stephen Goodhead for helping with all our print and graphic design requests
- Sue and Des McManus for their enthusiastic participation and support of our Fairs
- Becky Howard for her face painting skills
- Constance and Sean Page for the time and resources they gave to our arts and crafts stall

What we're planning in 2024/25

This is the last year for many of the committee as their children are now in year 6. Others, myself included, have decided that the time is right to step down, so we're vitally in need of new committee members if we're to provide the school with the same level of financial support. If you're interested but not sure what it entails please ask. We intend to run the same fundraising activities as last year so this is the final year when you could shadow the existing committee.

Thank you

When I write this report and note all the things we've been able to provide for our children, it reminds me why all the time and effort spent fundraising is so worth it. It also shows how the collaborative efforts of our small team can make a big impact. Here's to another great year!

2023/24 COMMITTEE

Eva Bertalan

Tina Brown

Nicola Cleary

Vicki Coules

Tony Frisino

Janine Hicks

Michelle Linnane

Geraldine O'Regan

Sandra Staffiero

Katalin Szarcsahazi