



Our Lady of Lourdes School Association of Parents & Friends

Chair Report 2024/25

Thanks to the support of the Committee, Mrs Hood, parents and the wider community, we have had another successful year of fundraising. We'd like to thank everyone who donated items, came to the Fairs and participated in our fundraising initiatives. With your help, we've been able to provide resources and enrichment opportunities for all our children that wouldn't have been possible without external funding.

Fundraising activities 2024/25

- Pre-loved clothing collections
- Uniform sales
- Calendars
- Christmas cards and merchandise
- Christmas Fair
- OLOLonka Bars
- Sponsored Read
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Ice cream/donut/cookie sales
- Summer Fair
- Estate agent sponsorship
- Amazon referral link
- Match funding

What we made happen

- Reception welcome party
- Christmas panto
- Christmas lunch sundries
- Annual subscription to Discovery Education
- Annual subscription to MyMaths
- Classroom resources
- Music lessons for each year
- New Chromebooks

- Visit from Steel, the gladiator
- Visit from Chris Smith, children's author
- African drumming sessions for each class
- Contribution to the cost of the Year 6 Leavers' Party

Who made it happen

Committee members

As a small team, the Committee works collaboratively to make our fundraising happen, but each member also takes responsibility for key tasks. I'd therefore like to thank:

- Kati for managing the money (and Eva Bertalan for lending her expertise in the background).
- Michelle for organising the Christmas cards and creating a new Santa's Grotto.
- Sandra for making the calendars happen, sourcing the children's tombola prizes, managing the donut/ice cream/cookie sales and initiating and running the Easter Egg Hunt. Big thanks also to Sandra's sister, Nadia, for getting us match funding from Barclays.
- Vicki for making the Present Room happen.
- Tony for keeping a record of all our meetings and taking a lead role in running the BBQ at the Summer Fair.
- Janine for organising elves and managing Santa's diary.
- Geraldine for initiating the Sponsored Read, arranging sponsorship from Plus Rooms (replacement for last year's estate agent sponsor) and working her contacts to source raffle prizes.
- Ceylan for her baking skills that brought our cake stall to life.
- Katie for planning and resourcing the arts and crafts stall.
- Beth and Louisa for transforming our chocolate/sweet donations into prizes for the tombola stall.
- Guilia, Lauren, Marie and Ria for shadowing the outgoing committee to gather the information to keep the fundraising going.

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 and Sean Corrigan for lighting up Santa's Grotto.
- Helen Frisino for always supporting our activities.
- Dave Hicks for his catering skills.
- Andrew Hudson for creating promotional material for our initiatives.

- Mel Winter for her arts and crafts expertise.
- Paul Winter for always making time to set up and clear up at our Fairs.
- Clare and Jason Cook for always offering their help.
- Rob Hood for taking the lead on running the Summer Fair BBQ. ● 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 or they step down from the Committee - they will be greatly missed! Thank you to:

- Sarah Merryweather for always offering to help at the Fairs.
- Ivana Poli for encouraging her neighbours to have estate agent boards and for sourcing local raffle prizes.
- Sandra and Angelo Staffiero, Michelle Linnane, Janine and Dave Hicks, Katalin Szarcsahazi and Vicki Coules - APF legends!

Handing over to the new Committee

This is my last year as Chair and I'm very proud of all the things our fundraising has enabled our kids to enjoy - from the Christmas panto and meeting Steel (the gladiator) to working on new Chromebooks and learning African drumming. I'd like to wish the new Committee every future success.

Thank you

Being part of any fundraising committee is not without its challenges, but I have been very fortunate to be part of a group of like minded volunteer parents who all shared the same goal and were willing to put in the time and effort to make things happen. As I write this report and note all the things we've been able to provide for our children, it reminds me why it was all so worthwhile - the collaborative efforts of a small team can really make a big impact.

2024/25 COMMITTEE

Ria Allison-Lasisi
 Ceylan Basrieva
 Katie Carroll
 Nicola Cleary
 Vicki Coules
 Tony Frisino
 Janine Hicks
 Marie Larusson

Michelle Linnane
 Giulia Messa
 Louisa O'Brien
 Geraldine O'Regan
 Lauren Piacentini
 Sandra Staffiero
 Katalin Szarcsahazi