

Longacre School Parent Teacher Association Treasurer's Report 2022-23

Income Generation - Events

WELCOME BACK FAIR £0 (2022 £1,237)

Unfortunately, due to wet weather, the PTA was unable to host the 'welcome back fair' on the first Friday of the new school year.

Last year, the weather was glorious, and the PTA raised £1,237.

MAGIC SHOW, CIRCUS, HALLOWEEN £563

(2022 £557, 2021 £0, 2020 £691, 2019 £803, 2018 £746, 2017 £998, 2016 £520, 2015 £354)

Traditionally, the first major PTA event fundraiser of the year is the Autumn event which is held just before half term.

This year, as with last, the theme was magic, with the children finding out what it took to be a magician and witnessing some stunning magic! An age-appropriate show was run for both the prep school and the pre-prep children. Tickets were £7.50 a child and included a snack. The event was a success with 154 tickets sold, raising £563, consistent with the prior year.

Historically, 10% of income generated from this first Autumn event would be donated to the annually nominated PTA charity, however in the previous three financial years it was decided to make a donation from the Christmas fair instead which traditionally raises more money. This was repeated for the current financial year.

FAIR £3,549 (2022 £3,386) **SILENT AUCTION £0** (2022 £0), **HAMPER RAFFLE £1,029** (2022 £500), **TEA TOWELS £825** (2022 £975) **WREATH MAKING £154** (2022 £0) **TOTALLING £5,557** (2022 £4,737)

(2022 £4,737, 2021 £6,543, 2020 £3,966, 2019 £5,319, 2018 £5,071, 2017 £5,521, 2016 £5,846, 2015 £5,021)

The Christmas Fair is traditionally the second biggest PTA fundraising event of the year after the annual ball.

For those who have never been, each year group runs a stall, and the stalls includes games for the kids, baked goods, and a bottle tombola for the adults! The prizes were fantastic, with the PTA being grateful to all those who generously donated.

In keeping the traditional fair format meant that Santa and his elves were back, which was a bit hit with the children. Entry tickets for the grotto needed to be purchased in advance, along with stall tickets and BBQ food vouchers, which were on sale using Classlist. This made the administration on the day far easier than in prior years.

There were also some lovely local gifts and produce available to buy from external stall holders. The PTA had various refreshments available for purchase on the day, including hot drinks, mulled wine, mince pies and Longacre's 75th Anniversary Gin!

The Hamper Raffle draw took place on the day and the prizes were amazing, with the hampers put together by the class reps using donations from parents and staff. The Hamper Raffle raised over £1,000, which was back in line with usual takings after the decline at the previous fair.

Overall, the Fair and Hamper Raffle raised £4,578, up on the prior year which was a fantastic result.

Income from tea towels and puddings was £825, slightly down on the prior financial year. The tea towels continue to sell well and are consistently popular year after year. The wreath making for parents returned this year and ran at a small profit of £154.

As agreed at the beginning of the year, a payment of 10% of the Fair profits was donated to an external charity, a total of £458.

MOVIE NIGHT £330

(2022 £400, 2021 £416, 2020 £287, 2019 £155, 2018 £574, 2017 £841)

Held just before the February half term, the prep school children watched the "Matilda the Musical" Movie, with the pre-prep children watching "Sing 2". Children were collected from their classrooms and provided with a drink and a snack. The ticket price was £6 per child, with 101 tickets being sold overall (up on 73 last year). A profit of £330 was made after expenses (£400 in 2022).

QUIZ NIGHT £75

(2022 £35, 2021 £524, 2020 £0, 2019 £1,774, 2018 £2,502, 2017 £1,859, 2016 £2,102, 2015 £2,246)

After many years away the PTA were able to host the traditional Longacre Quiz Night but with a difference... could you decipher your children's drawings in the Pictionary round? Could you do your child's homework? The children were very busy in the weeks running up to the Quiz answering lots of questions...could you work out how they answered???

The ticket price included curry from The Curry Inn, with wines available to pre order in advance and a cash bar available on the evening with a more limited selection of drinks. It turned out to be a fantastic evening and raising £75 after expenses.

EASTER EGG HUNT -£36

(2022 -£32, 2021 £-75, 2020 -£54 2019 -£90, 2018 -£90, 2017 -£96, 2016 -£132, 2015 -£100)

The annual Easter Egg hunt is funded by the PTA.

In a morning filled with fun, the children ran around the school completing various activities, meeting the Easter bunny before getting a little prize for all their endeavours!

SUMMER FETE £1,738

(2022 £1,783, 2021 £0, 2020 £0, 2019 £1,493, 2018 £1,427, 2017 £1,739, 2016 £1,471, 2015 £1,503, 2014 £797, 2013 £1,027)

Due to wet weather, the PTA was unable to host the 'welcome back fair' and the event was therefore combined with the Summer Fair and held before the summer half term. The afternoon was a similar format to previous years, with inflatable rides, games, a BBQ, and an ice cream stall. Tickets were £10 a child which will allow them unlimited use of (age appropriate) inflatable rides, with food and drinks charged separately. We sold 194 tickets and raised £1,738, which is in line with last year and more than we have historically.

CAMP OUT £97

(2022 £62, 2021 £44, 2020 £0, 2019 £57, 2018 £59, 2017 -£173)

This year the annual Camp Out was held on the field at Longacre! Families were able to bring their own food, with the PTA BBQs being fired up for everyone to enjoy. The firepit was in action too for some fun in the woods and for toasting marshmallows. The atmosphere was lovely, and the rain even stayed away!

Pitches were £5 a family, with 20 tickets sold. We made a small profit of £97 after expenses.

COLOUR RUN -£908

The colour run was funded by the PTA. After a couple of false starts due to bad weather, it was finally held on Grandparents Afternoon. The PTA provided white t-shirts, the coloured paint, and of course, tea and cake to help everyone recover after all the fun!

GIN £54 (2022 £0)

In 2021, to mark the 75th anniversary of the school, the PTA decided to partner with the local Wessex distillery to label and sell a Longacre branded gin.

198 bottles were ordered from Wessex, with bottles being sold to the school community at £30. Excess bottles were made available to purchase gin by the glass at the Christmas Fair and the Summer events, with any profit being included as part of those activities. There are 20 bottles remaining which will be held in stock and sold at other PTA events for the upcoming year.

SUMMER PARTY £695 (2022 £628)

To celebrate the end of the academic year the PTA decided to organise a Summer Party in the Quad for parents, staff and friends of Longacre. This replaced the Annual Ball which the committee felt was going to be too expensive to run given the pressures of inflation and the cost-of-living crisis.

Debuted last year it was a huge success (weather aside!) and lots of fun. The best bits from the ball were still on offer but with informal seating and a more casual vibe than the ball. The ticket price of £50 per person (£30 for staff) included casual dining food from Little Fish, a welcome drink and the ever popular "Barcoda Party Band" which came back to entertain us once again! Bottles of wine and bubbles were to be purchased in advance with tickets and there was Longacre gin, wine by the glass, beer, and soft drinks available to buy on the night. Selling 94 tickets, it was a fantastic evening and raised £695 after expenses.

AUCTION/ANNUAL BALL £6,802

(2022 £13,593, 2021 £0, 2020 -£160, 2019 £16,877, 2018 £21,990, 2017 £18,472, 2016 £21,915, 2015 £21,517)

The auction is a real highlight of the school calendar and a significant fundraiser for the PTA. There were lots of incredible prizes for all ages, interests and budgets including use of a Cottage in the Cotswolds, a private dinner party, VIP 'S Club 7' tickets and rugby tickets - there really was something for everyone. And that included the kids: several of our wonderful Longacre teachers volunteered their time with a variety of masterclasses and activities for the parents and kids alike! Prizes were donated from within our Longacre community and as usual they included the PTA reserved parking spaces made available by the school. The auction was a success and made £6,802 after expenses. A special mention should be made to Cat Wood, Olivia Kent and Jo Dowker for organising the event, and to everyone who kindly donated prizes. The PTA were grateful for everyone's support.

As agreed at the beginning of the year, a payment of 10% of the Summer Party/Auction profit was donated to an external charity, a total of £750. The chosen charity for 2022/23 was Disability Challengers, who provide play and leisure for **disabled** children and young people.

ROUNDERS AND NETBALL TOURNAMENTS £0

(2022 £0, 2021 £0, 2020 £0, 2019 £146, 2018 £279)

Unfortunately, the rounders tournament had to be cancelled on the day, due to bad weather.

GRANDPARENT'S AFTERNOON & MOTHERS AND FATHERS DAY £0

Grandparent's afternoon was held as part of the Colour Run.

Income from Other Activities

CAKE / ICE CREAM STALL £1,150 profit for the year, whereas in 2022 made a profit of £681.

SUBSCRIPTIONS £3,440 £20 per contributing family. No Gift Aid was claimed this year but claims can be made retrospectively, so a claim will be submitted during the new financial year once more declaration forms have been received from parents. The last claim was made was in 2018, which totalled £140 (28 families at £5 per family). We are aiming to claim back as much as we can for the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 donations, which could be worth upwards of £900 for each financial year.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM £4,865 which was up on last year, raising more money than we ever have before. (2022 £4,077, 2021 £2,957, 2020 £3,632, 2019 £3,522, 2018 £3,508, 2017 £3,119, 2016 £2,311, 2015 £3,339).

EASY FUNDRAISING £33 (2022 £98, 2021 £581, 2020 £90, 2019 £66, 2018 £99, 2017 £102, 2016 £63, 2015 £197)

TEXTILES RECYCLING £0 (2022 £0, 2021 £0, 2020 £0, 2019 £160, 2018 £168) - this is the money received from the clothes recycling bins. Efforts were made to track down the company responsible for this bin, but it has proved difficult as it has changed hands several times.

PARENT ADVERTISER £0 (2022 £0, 2021 £5, 2020 £16, 2019 £31, 2018 £68)

DONATIONS £850 The PTA received £850 in donations from parents relating to car park spaces, which were not tied to the annual action (2022 £0, 2021 £0, 2020 £300, 2019 £0, 2018 £39).

BANK INTEREST £210

LONGACRE SCHOOL DONATIONS -£20,696

During the financial year the PTA donated the following monies to the school which purchased:

- Yurt - £18,696
- Library books -£2,000

OTHER DONATIONS -£1,208

The PTA will donate £1,208 to Disability Challengers, our charity of the year.

ADMIN, MEETINGS AND OTHER -£729

This financial year the PTA covered some costs of the Young Voices concert for our Ukrainian families, totalling £117. The remainder of the expense comprises insurance, PTA meeting refreshments, small gifts given to teachers for outstanding support of PTA events, and a few miscellaneous expenses, which is in line with prior financial years.