

WSA Chair Report 2024

Welcome to the 2024 WSA AGM, thank you for your attendance as we can't run as a school charity without it. The WSA is a parent teacher committee with the aim of raising additional funds for the school to enhance every child's education. We hope to do this with a variety of activities including community event fundraising and charity sales that help build on the great community our school has.

Last year we managed to raise a total of £15,217.94. I'll leave it to our treasurer to fill you in on all the ways we have raised money and spent it over the last year.

All of these events would not be possible without the tireless work of our committee members and the many parents and carers that give up some time to help run stalls at our events like this one.

If you don't fancy bar tending or getting covered in colour powder there are lots of other more passive ways you can help raise funds for the school. You can sign up for the easyfundraising website, you can easily click through from this website to hundreds of retailers they will donate a percentage of the sale to our school, including some supermarkets if you order online deliveries. We also have a school lottery that runs every week through the my school lottery website, you can set up a monthly donation that buys tickets from £1 a week and there's a weekly prize of ~£13 currently but this will go up for every extra ticket purchased. We will add links to all these options to the AGM meeting minutes. We've also applied for Co-op funding again this year to make improvements to the school's outdoor play provisions so fingers crossed we get picked next month.

Having completed my second year as chair (and 4 years previously at treasurer), I felt it was time to step down and allow some new parents to take the reins bringing forward many new ideas and lots of energy to the committee. I feel really proud that we have managed to raise so much money for the school over my last 7 years on the committee and we currently have the biggest committee ever so I'm sure there are lots of great events to come. We obviously need to carry out some votes in a minute but I did want to thank Fleur Tarpey for coming forward to take on the chair role and Sarah Morgan for the vice-chair role. I also want to say a massive thank you to Tamar Oviatt-Ham who will be stepping down from her role as secretary. She has been such a great help over the last 3+ years in this role, especially supporting me in my role as chair in the absence of a vice chair.

As some people might have heard the swimming pool needs some TLC so our big aim this year is to fund the replacement of the liner as it's seen 15 years of wear and tear and to also make other improvements to the swimming pool area to keep this key school asset going for many more years to come. We have also decided to increase our contribution towards every child's school trip to £15 this year as the school and committee feels they are such a great way to engage children in learning and we want everyone to be able to experience them.

Easyfundraising link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Your school lottery link: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

Co-op funding:

<https://causes.coop.co.uk/#:~:text=The%20Co%2Dop%20Local%20Community,community%20projects%20across%20the%20UK.>