

OASIS ACADEMY PUTNEY

PTFA

PARENTS, TEACHERS &
FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Oasis Academy Putney – Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – CHAIRS' REPORT

15th September 2022

Good evening and welcome to the AGM.

To start, we want to thank everyone who made PTFA events so successful in the last academic year. From our incredible team of members and volunteers through to those who participated and contributed financially, THANK YOU!

The PTFA at Oasis Academy Putney was formed when the school opened in January 2017 and like the school itself, continues to grow in size, strength and presence. In 2021/22, we saw the largest group of PTFA board and ordinary committee members to date!

The main objectives of the PTFA are threefold:

1. To raise funds to make purchases that the school would otherwise be unable to fulfil, that serve to enhance the education and experience of the pupils.
2. To encourage closer links between the school and local community.
3. To promote social activity between parents, carers, teachers and pupils.

The 2021-22 academic year was pretty full-on for the PTFA, as things were slowly returning to normal but with an unexpected twist or two along the way. We achieved an incredible amount and exceeded the original fundraising target we had set ourselves. This is down to our wonderful team of PTFA members who tirelessly put the hours in. The list of PTFA events in the 21/22 academic year include:

- Stagecoach Dance-a-Thon
- Cake sales
- Pre-loved uniform sales
- Parent Yoga sessions
- Christmas online auction
- Christmas tombola
- Mini Christmas Market + hot chocolate/non-alcoholic mulled wine sales
- Pyjama party
- Chinese New Year event
- Holi Festival celebration
- Family Magic show
- Sponsored walk
- Summer Fair
- Ice cream/ice lollies sales

In addition to the events, we launched our own PTFA website which has enabled us to streamline processes like selling tickets to events like the Family Magic Show, selling pre-loved uniforms via an online shop and accepting general donations. We've switched bank accounts (to Metro Bank), which has facilitated easier payments and management of transactions.

The funds we've raised in the 21/22 academic year has allowed us to:

- continue to support Clarinet tuition for our Year 4 pupils
- help towards beautifying the school pond
- sponsor the Holi Festival celebration for Y4
- purchase educational resources like new magazine subscriptions and new playground games for all the children to enjoy
- contribute to helping Mr Lillo realise his vision of building a Sensory Room for the school.

Beyond the school-specific resources, we even helped raise funds for Ukraine.

As we begin a new academic year, we are excited about welcoming new members who will bring fresh ideas to the fold. Whether you only have a few hours to spare or many hours to give, we would love for you to get involved! It's incredibly rewarding to see the children benefit from all the collaborative effort put in. Plus, your own children will love the fact you're actively involved in their school and they in turn may want to help at events, too!

The PTFA runs on a continuous cycle, so we are constantly seeking new members to ensure the PTFA's existence. We were thrilled to have new members join us throughout the last school year.

At the previous AGM in September 2021, many previous Board members departed which in turn lead to a new team of Officers being elected. Whilst Nicola Hoskin stepped down as Chair, she remained as an ordinary committee member. Jiao Jennings and Winifred Poon were elected as Co-Chairs, with Fi Neoh as Deputy Chair; Ruth Knaggs remained as Secretary and Sara Marsh was voted in as Treasurer.

We know that some members won't be able to continue their time on the PTFA, including Jiao, who is stepping down as Co-Chair; Sara Marsh as Treasurer; and Jenny Pang and Nicola Hoskin as ordinary committee members.

Finally, we want to thank Mr. Lillo and Ms. Hughes for their leadership of the school and their endless support of the PTFA.

We look forward to receiving nominations and welcoming new members. Here's to the ongoing growth and success of Oasis Academy Putney's PTFA!

With gratitude

Jiao and Win
PTFA Co-Chairs