

Our Lady and St Joseph School

PA Newsletter



March 2023

The OLSJ Parents Association is made of all parents and guardians of children at OLSJ. The PA's purpose is to support the school and the children by bringing us together and fundraising through events, activities and anything else we can think of!

2022 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Current PA Bank Account Balance:	£14,306.75
Income for the academic year so far:	£5,100

Everyone is welcome to donate just like that to:

OLSJ Parents Association

Sort code: 30 - 95 - 96

Account: 19976668

Our fundraising goal for this academic year is £10,000!

Please reach out to donate your time, energies and imagination because

You ARE the PA!

PA CONTACTS

The easiest way to get in touch with the PA is to write to our email olsjparents@gmail.com or to get in touch with the following PA designated contact parents for each year group:

Reception: Carla Russo (Juan's Mum)

Y1: Lizzy O'Neill (Étienne's Mum)

Y2: Anna Finlay (Olivia's Mum), Wendy Johnson (Nico's Mum)

Y3: Kim Finer (Luca N-F's Dad), Melissa Gomez (Elijah G's Mum)

Y4: Elisa Duriavig (Alice's Mum)

Y5: Fiona Abrams (Ella's Mum), Maria Grazia Savito (Vinny's Mum)

Y6: Silvia Sazini (Maya S's Mum), Kim Finer (Hana's Dad)

PA MEETINGS

PLEASE COME TO OUR MEETINGS!

We have regular meetings usually on the first Wednesday of each month. Lately they've been held at our base at the School House (the building at the end of the school car park on the corner of Culford and Tottenham Road), or at Gwada restaurant - just lovely - on Balls Pond Road. We also circulate an online link in advance to year groups, so you can take part from home.

Next PA meeting
Tuesday 7th March 2023
7:15 pm
This one will be all online.



The next meeting is set for Tuesday, 7th March 2023, as we trial an online only meeting via Google Meet. We'll start at 7.15pm and joining instructions will be circulated in advance.

These aren't dry or dusty affairs. The PA meetings are fun as we decide on our next adventure. We are all very different

people but we all care about our children and the School, which gives us a lot in common and every one of us has something to say.

We also decide at our meetings how to distribute our hard-earned and precious funds!



USE OF FUNDS

This term the PA has donated £2,000 to the School Library.

The PA, at present, donates £2,000 every year for the buying of books for the School's libraries – the Junior's Library in the Junior's Block, the Infant's Library in the former Nursery and the individual form libraries. The School welcomes the lists of suggested purchases that we send. Please send us your own suggested titles and any other comments and we'll pass them on.

But we're arranging a whole bunch of further donations to be announced in the next issue!

COMING UP

The School Disco - 2023 Spring Edition – 24th March 2023

Following last summer's spectacularly successful disco, we have more ambient beats and sounds from the streets and all your kids' favourites at the Spring Disco. Plus food, snacks and treats, and karaoke, of course.

It'll be a Friday afternoon after school thing from 5.00 pm to 7.00pm, something to dance the week and the winter away!

It's for the children and for the PA (which is for the children) so do come and also, if you possibly can, please help. We so need people to prepare food, help us set up, run stalls during the disco and help us tidy up after. Your children will love you, we'll all love you and it'll be joyous.

You can just make yourself available and help on the day but you'd be ten times more helpful if before you got in touch with one of your year's PA contacts or dropped a line to olsjparents@gmail.com

The Annual General Meeting: The PA is becoming a Charity - May 2023

We're making the PA into a charity! We have to do this by law as our income's over £5,000 p.a. now. But also, by law, we'll now be able to raise money and other benefits from all sorts of new sources like companies and funds. The Charity Commission law, requires us to organise an Annual General Meeting (AGM) to set rules through a constitution and to elect a number of officers of the charity - Chair, secretary, treasurer, events and communications leaders.

As all OLSJ parents and carers are a part of the PA, first thing next term we'll be inviting people to be putting themselves up as candidates and everyone to come along to the AGM. Think about if you'd care to be elected.

NB: We'll all be up still for working on PA stuff but the law requires five elected and legally responsible officers.

THE PA IS LOOKING FOR AN ACCOUNTANT

Are you an accountant? Do you know an accountant who can help?

The PA are looking for an ACCOUNTANT to help with preparation of annual financial statements on a voluntary basis. The PA activities are fairly modest and include 5-7 events and several small activities such as sales of tea towels or Christmas trees.

Let us know please if you can or know someone who can help! Just text us here or o email to olsjparents@gmail.com Thank you in advance!

The logo for 'Run Kids Run' features the words 'RUN KIDS RUN' in a playful, rounded font. 'RUN' is in orange, 'KIDS' is in blue, and 'RUN' is in green. A red circle with a white dot inside is positioned above the 'S' in 'KIDS'.

25th June 2023

This initiative started in 2018 at Thornhill Primary School in Islington and now we're to be the twentieth or so school to have joined in. This time, there'll be a 2 km run on Highbury Fields called RunIslingtonRun.

In the months leading up to it, the children will be doing their laps in the playground and, nearer the time, collecting sponsors. RunKidsRun's corporate sponsors will be matching i.e. doubling any funds we raise. So we get fit, we have a whale of a time and we make a lot of money and not just from the parents. So it's win, win, win!



THE SUMMER FAIR 7th July 2023

The climax of this school year, which we're all looking forward to - The Summer Fair- is to bring parents and children together at the School to celebrate the height of summer. There will be many food stalls with savory and sweet treats, cold drinks, fun games and prized competitions.



This is one of PA's major fundraisers and all the profit from the money you spend will go to support School initiatives for our children.