

## **NSA Chair's Report**

**September 2024 – August 2025**

This year we took on the role of Co-Chairs of the NSA committee, and what a privilege it has been. Our role consists of chairing the meetings, supporting the committee members, and ensuring the NSA continues to thrive for the benefit of all our children.

As a school community we are lucky to have such a great group of people who sit on the committee and make things happen. They are resourceful, enterprising and industrious. But they should never be taken for granted.

Several key NSA committee members retired this year, with a special mention to our outgoing secretary, Mubeena Siddiqi. Mubeena not only acted as NSA secretary, but was an integral part of the smooth running of the NSA for 10 years. Thank you Mubeena for all your contributions.

We were delighted that the Summer Fete returned to its traditional July slot this year and was a tremendous success. The event was well attended and the weather was kind to us, allowing families to enjoy all the activities and stalls in the sunshine.

The Christmas Bazaar once again brought festive cheer to the school community, providing a wonderful opportunity for families to come together during the busy holiday season.

The Bingo evening proved as popular as ever, with families enjoying a fun night together. The NSA are ever mindful of the financial reality of a number of our families, and the two Discos remained ticketless with donations on entry, ensuring all children can participate.

Pre-loved uniform sales continued throughout the year, providing affordable options for families while promoting sustainability.

The Spring Fair was another highlight, with the decision to introduce a café instead of the bookable cream teas a popular one.

This year we saw some exceptional fundraising efforts that deserve special mention. Parents and staff, including Mr Garnett, participated in cycle races to raise additional funds for the school.

The grand draw continues to get grander, with local businesses generously donating excellent prizes. Of course, this does not happen by chance the committee members work hard throughout the year to secure these donations and build relationships with local supporters.

It should also be noted how important the involvement of staff, led by their representative Ms Moroz, is to the success of all NSA events.

NSA fundraising and income generation continue to ensure children at North can enjoy free music lessons and free school trips. The Year 6s love their leavers' treat paid for by the NSA. More details of NSA spending through the year will be shared by the Treasurer.

Without the NSA, Free For All (a unique school charity) would not exist.

As we reflect on this successful year, we want to emphasize that the NSA is strongest when our whole community is involved. We warmly welcome new families to join us. Whether you can commit to regular committee meetings or simply help out at an event or two, every contribution makes a

difference. The NSA is a wonderful way to meet other families, feel connected to the school community, and directly see the impact of your efforts on the children's experiences.

North School Association serves two functions:

- To organise events for the enjoyment of the children and their families.
- To raise money that can enrich the school experience of the children.

In our view, the NSA has successfully fulfilled these ambitions this year. The funds raised go directly toward enriching our children's education—from music lessons to school trips to special Year 6 experiences.

On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to thank the NSA committee for another amazing year. We look forward to welcoming more families into our NSA community in the year ahead.

James and Barbara Gill

Co-Chairs, North School Association