



LOLO PTA AGM

Wednesday, 7th October 2026

Present:

Committee: Alex Athienitou (AA) PTA Chair, Roberto Grammatica (RG), PTA Shadow Chair, Raf Markowski (RM), PTA Treasurer, Dhiraj Shrestha (DS), Shadow Treasurer, Ellie White (EW), PTA Co-Secretary, Jessie Day (JD), PTA Co-Secretary. Also Mrs Boon (LOLO Headteacher) and Miss Crampton (LOLO Deputy Headteacher).

Sam Okegbauri (N, Y1), John Ellah (N), Ioannis Kanakakis & Mariel Capisciolto (R), Liudmila Baranova & Oleg Sminet (R), Sandhiya Patel (Y3), Eric Moe (R), Moses Daanwi (R), Helen Townley (N, Y2), Charlotte Richardson (Y1, Y4), Elizabeth Stokoe (Y1, Y4), Vicky Blackburn (Y2), Natalie Dinga (Y2, Y6), Claire Cox (Y2), Bhavini Mistry & Simon Mansfield (R), Michelle Jeyes (Y3 & Y5), Harry Thambi (N).

Apologies:

Donna Tooth (Y5), Dolores Condren (R, Y4), Carrollina Achen (R), Chimaechi Allan (R), Rosed Marquez (N, Y1), Hannah Foster (Y1), Danni Abrahams (N, Y1), Linda Duan (Y2), Olivia Freund (Y3), Lama Tadros (Y2, Y5), Kathy Kali (Y4), Evi Kartsouni (Y4), Grainne Curran (Y3), Clara Turner (Y5), Penny Goodchild (Y6), Zara Nwabudike (Y5), Tori Kelly (Y3).

1. Chair's Welcome

AA welcomes everyone, especially the parents who are new to the school and thanks them for coming along to the PTA AGM. It's wonderful to see so many people here this evening, and as the number of people present is at least twice the number of Committee members in office at the start of the meeting, it's declared open.

2. Introductions

AA introduces herself as the PTA Chair, with two sons in the school, in Year 2 and Year 6. She also introduces the rest of the Committee, Roberto Grammatica (Shadow Chair), children in Years 1 and 4, Raf Markowski (Treasurer), children in Years 2 and 5, Dhiraj Shrestha (Shadow Treasurer), children in Years 2 and 6, Ellie White (Co-Secretary), children in Years 1 and 4 and Jessie Day (Co-Secretary), children in Years 2 and 4.

3. Apologies

AA says that instead of going through the list of apologies, she will refer people to the OLOL PTA Reps Whats App group.

4. Minutes From The Last Meeting

AA states that the minutes from the previous PTA meeting were approved and there are no matters arising or outstanding.

5. Chair's Report – PTA Objectives at OLOL / Constitutional Framework / Charity Status

- AA says that the objective of the PTA is to build a strong, effective relationship between families, school and the local community. Every parent/carer at the school is a part of the PTA, whoever they are and whatever they do and every contribution, however small, helps to raise valuable funds for the school.
- AA describes the work of the PTA as providing the 'cherry on the cake', to enrich the experience of every child at OLOL. While the Governors and central government funding provide the 'essentials', the PTA provides the fun and glitter, the things that, with budgets being cut left, right and centre, the children would not be able to enjoy.
- AA points out that the current Committee has just completed its second year in office and that the last year has been a huge success in terms of fundraising. However, the Committee does not work alone – and is reliant on the class reps and teams that work closely with us (such as the Santa's Grotto team, Ball Committee, BBQ team and Face Painting team at both fayres) to ensure all our events are a success.

- This year, the PTA has big fundraising targets to meet, so the Committee is looking for delegate help – people to manage external and internal stallholders at the fayres, to do insurance and licensing admin and to help find and liaise with sponsors for all our events. We have all the email and invoicing templates and tools but in the lead up to the fayres, we don't necessarily have the time, so we are looking for help with the more commercial side of running our events.
- The PTA is a registered charity and its operational methods are adapted from the Parentkind model (Parentkind being a network of PTAs across the UK that supports and empowers parents to become involved in their children's education).
- OLOL PTA is a registered charity that is listed with the Charities Commission, number 1165968. All PTA Committee members are trustees of this charity.
- AA also notes that the PTA is fun! It's a way to make friends and play a part in the school community. She explains that when she joined OLOL in 2020, she joined the PTA as a way to see friendly faces at the school gate and that many people who are in the PTA joined for that very reason. The PTA is a group of people who work together as friends to enrich the school and local community and the educational experience of every OLOL child.

6. Chair's Report - PTA Fundraising & Spend 2025-2026

- AA takes those present through the fundraising events organised by the PTA in the past year – the Christmas Fayre, Wreath Making Workshop (organised by Y4 rep, Kathy Kali), St Patrick's Disco (for which tickets are harder to get than Glastonbury!), the Summer Fayre (the playground had never been so full!) and the Summer Ball (brand new venue, brand new vibe!) - all of which were massively successful.
- AA says that 2026 saw the reintroduction of the Summer Ball – thanks to the work of our wonderful new Ball Committee who found a brand new venue, entertainment, decorations as well as some wonderful auction and raffle prizes. Feedback from the event was glowing and we are hoping to be able to run another equally tremendous event in 2027.

- In addition, the PTA ran two raffles, one at Christmas and one at the Summer Ball. There was no raffle held at the Summer Fayre, as it was proving too difficult to find prize donations for both that and the Ball raffle.
- Little Recyclers clothes collection – four collections throughout the year raised a few hundred pounds for the PTA.
- Passive funding – AA explains that the PTA also raises money through passive funding (i.e, funding that comes to the PTA without the need for any active fundraising event organisation). Companies such as Stikins (name tags) and Easyfundraising (an app) give a percentage of their profits automatically to the PTA if parents purchase products from them or through them.
- AA and RG explain that school has recently put an easyfundraising banner up outside the gates. It has the QR code for easyfundraising on it, which parents can scan to sign up to the app. Weekly shops, car insurance, holidays, clothes – there are over 8,000 retailers on easyfundraising to choose from, and money is donated straight to the PTA every time it's used to shop online.
- AA outlines what the PTA spent its money on in the last academic year – the biggest spend being library corners for Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms, as well as pantomime for the whole school, Windrush workshops, World Book Week activities and the Year 6 yearbook and leavers' party.
- AA notes that RM will soon be taking those present through PTA spend for the academic year in more detail.
- AA points out that every parent/carer in the school has a say in what the PTA's funds are spent on. Everyone is always welcome to put their ideas forward and all parents and carers are welcome to all PTA meetings so that they can be involved in the decision-making process.
- Finally, AA states that the Committee would like to thank Mrs Boon, Miss Crampton and all the staff at OLOL for supporting our events and fundraising initiatives. Special thanks also to our wonderful caretaker Mr Kelly for working overtime to help us set up and tidy up at all our events.

8. Treasurers' Report

- RM states that the PTA's financial year started on 1st September 2025 and ran until the end of August 2026.
- The PTA operates on a cash basis and started with a cash reserve of £12,368 in September 2025.
- The Christmas Fayre and raffle are the PTA's biggest earners, raising around £10k (the raffle raised £698). Together with the Wreath Making Workshop (which made £700), £10,572 was raised by our Christmas events.
- St Pat's Disco in March raised £2595.
- The Summer Fayre raised just over £7,000 – a record-breaking amount - and the Summer Ball, just shy of £5,000.
- Little Recyclers – RM explains that OLOL has four collections a year and raised £612 this last year, another record-breaking amount.
- Passive fundraising efforts: Easyfundraising app raised £242, Redbridge Lottery raised £208, parental donations raised £829.
- In total, the PTA raised 27K; over the last four years, around £100K.

TOTAL RAISED 2025-2026: £27,000.

- PTA expenses for 2025-2026 were as follows:
 - Yr 6 leavers' party and photobook - £2532
 - Year 1 library corners - £9,348
 - Year 2 library corners - £7,088
 - Panto (Wizard of Oz) - £3250
 - Windrush workshops - £1,100
 - Book Week (£350)

TOTAL EXPENSES 2025-2026: £24,000.

CLOSING BALANCE 2025-2026: £16,000.

- RM outlines the school's funding requests for the 2026-2027 academic year;

- Christmas theatre trip 2026 - Lion King (Y5 & Y6) and The Snowman (Y3 & Y4) - (£2,000).
 - Air con for Y2 classrooms - (£13,000) – already approved.
 - Year 6 leavers' party and photobook – (£2,000)
 - Replacement of the astroturf in the playground (£30k – longer term project).
- RM notes that the biggest expense this year will be the air con for the Year 2 classrooms, which became an urgent (and popular!) fundraising priority after last summer's extremely hot weather.
 - It was noted that the PTA is already thinking ahead to the need for the astro turf to be replaced in around three years' time, at a cost of £25k-30k. To that end, the PTA is considering putting aside some funds every year (around 10k per year) so that this expense can be easily met when the time comes.
 - RM outlines how people can get involved to help the PTA Committee to raise valuable funds for the school.
 - Volunteering at one of our events
 - Shopping using the Easyfundraising app
 - Buying Stikins name labels for uniform
 - Buying Redbridge lottery tickets
 - Employer fund matching (whereby an employer agrees to match the amount of money that their employees have raised at a school event)
 - Payroll giving
 - Donating prizes and gifts for our raffles
 - Donating clothes for the Little Recyclers collections.
 - RM emphasises the importance of trying to get every parent/carers at the school to download the Easyfundraising app and use it when making online purchases. For every purchase made, the app will make a donation to OLOL PTA and using it can help raise substantial amounts. RM reiterates that all parents have to do is scan the QR code on the banner outside the school gates or on the school's website to download the app.

9. Headteacher's Address

Mrs Boon, Headteacher at OLOL addresses those present, and begins by thanking the PTA and all the parents who make so much effort to help raise vital funds for the school.

- She describes the huge challenges experienced by the school over the Summer when the weather was extremely hot. OLOL was one of the few schools that stayed open and that was only possible because air con was available in some classrooms. The children and staff were on rotation using those classrooms and that was how the school managed to remain open.
- Mrs Boon also notes that air con was never in the PTA funding plans until the Summer, but now it is an urgent fundraising priority because it's very likely that the weather will only be hotter next Summer and the school needs to be prepared for that. Thanks to the PTA and its funding of air con for Year 2, practically every classroom in the school from Year 2 upwards will have air conditioning in their classrooms.
- Mrs Boon also explains how she and Miss Crampton would not be able to provide the children with many of the things they enjoy without the funds raised by the PTA. For example, the upcoming Christmas trips to the theatre for KS2 will be the trip of a lifetime for some children, but would not be possible without the PTA funding.
- Mrs Boon thanks the PTA in particular for funding projects that are pivotal to the children's education. When she arrived at OLOL in 2020, there was no ICT suite or library and the PTA has given over £60k to make these essential facilities possible. She says that the PTA calls itself the 'icing on the cake' but the PTA is more than this; it's part of our community and really does make a difference. She says she loves the relationship that the school has with the PTA and thanks those present on behalf of the governors, the school, but most of all, the children.

10. Election Of New PTA Committee

- AA states that this past academic year was the second one as a brand new Committee and it feels like we have finally found our feet! Moving on with a brand new Committee has had its challenges but we've taken them as a learning curve and made some changes that on the whole have been

well received.

- AA also announces her intention to stand down as Chair of the PTA in the 2027-2028 academic year, as her oldest son is currently in Year 6 at OLOL. That means that the Committee is looking for volunteers to Shadow the Chair's position, as well as the Treasurer and Secretary positions during the current academic year.

The current PTA Committee member intentions are as follows:

- Alexandra Athienitou (current Chair) looking to remain.
 - Roberto Grammatica (currently Shadow Chair) – looking to step up to Co-Chair.
 - Rafael Markowski (current Treasurer) looking to remain.
 - Dhiraj Shrestha (current Shadow Treasurer) - looking to step up to Co-Treasurer.
 - Jess Day (Co-Secretary) – looking to remain.
 - Ellie White (Co-Secretary) – looking to remain.
- All the intentions were voted for and passed, so these positions will be resumed as of the end of the AGM meeting.
 - AA says that if anyone would like to shadow any of the positions, to please drop the PTA Committee an email or let us know in person.

11. Independent Examination Of Accounts

RM explains that it's a Charity Commission regulation that the PTA's accounts must be independently examined or audited and the PTA has decided to have the accounts examined. James Matthews, a parent at the school, has agreed to examine the PTA's accounts and these will be available on the Charity Commission's website in due course.

12. AOB

- AA notes that the next event will be the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 28th November, followed by a new PTA event, the Christmas Carol Service on

December 16th. This will be held at OLOL Church and will be open to the whole school and local community.

- The next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday October 20th, on Zoom, where the discussion will be centred on planning for the Christmas Fayre.

13. Close

AA thanked everyone for attending the meeting. No other business was noted and the meeting was closed.