

Newbigging Primary Parent Council Meeting
15/03/21 on Zoom

Present - Tony Jordan (Head), Kellie Smith (PT), Joyce Gray (teacher), Kathryn Foot (Chair), Lynsey Milne (Treasurer), Lorna Rogers, Alison Weir

Apologies - Julia Boyle, Ashley Thomson

Welcome to meeting by KF. Relaxed agenda with main focus on funds and end of summer term hopes.

Treasurer's report

- Balance **£884** - a few more payments etc to work out re Christmas fundraisers. TBC
- **Addendum**
Updated tea towel and cookbook total - **£197**
- New balance total - **£909.25**

School leavers and of school term plans June 2021

Obviously everything hinges on lifting of lockdown guidelines etc, but still need to plan ASAP.

KS and TJ discuss ideas for P.7s. Conversations about just the 2 P.7s OR inviting last year's P.7s back to do something with them OR joining with up the road OR a whole school thing... Fox Lake (food and treats too - Nando's, ice creams etc). Possibly second to last week of term. School would like ideas and feedback.

- **Addendum** - more suggestions mentioned - cinema (if open), fast food order/delivery, Cairnie or Charlton fruit farms, outdoor cinema set up, themed afternoon tea party.

All agree children should be consulted. Parents highlight the lack of fundraising this year and the low school roll number means future fundraising will be difficult, so if costs are higher than expected, families should maybe be asked to contribute to costs in line with most town schools.

School also hoping to have a leavers assembly/summer service outside and would also like families thoughts/ideas for that - maybe even a possible mini fundraiser potential (no big fetes allowed). Possibly invite last year's P.7s back as they missed out last year. This could limit it to a Friday afternoon only due to secondary school timetables.

Suggestion of hiring marquee in Monikie Park for both schools for end of term fun day or BBQ?

After school club - anything else needed to be donated? KS to advise.

Head Teacher Report

Message of Thanks

A huge thank you to all our families and teachers for supporting online learning over the past few weeks. It has been fantastic to see our children back in school.

Staffing

- Gemma Masson is covering Samantha McCarthy's absence. She will be in 5 days. This will continue to the end of term in June.
- Joyce Gray has moved her days to Thursday/Friday until the summer.

School Improvement/Policy development

- Our main driver this session is HWB (health and well-being), building a resilient school community.
- We are also developing Read Write Inc and Keys to Literacy to support reading.
- STEM (remotely) will continue to develop across the Carnoustie cluster.
- We are currently finalising our Anti-bullying policy and we will look for parental feedback before finalising this.
- Our learning and teaching policy, a general school expectations policy and anti-bullying policy are now all developed, we have also developed a remote learning and blended learning policy that have helped us manage learning during this pandemic
- Due to the disruption this session our updated Curriculum Rational and new three year plan will now be developed during the summer term and will be ready for the start of next session.

Finance

- We are now at the end of the financial year. We identified resources and training from PEF monies in line with the priorities in our improvement plan such as staff training, Read Write Inc literacy resources and digital online tools
- Our nursery based at Monikie, has had new resources purchased to support the nursery expansion including new flooring laid in the living room and dining room areas.

ICT update

- With the ICT refresh, new teacher computers have been ordered which will free up additional computers for children in each classroom.

Other events

Due to the COVID restrictions we have had to adapt how we do things here at Newbigging. Examples of this have been...

- Virtual athletics – teams were successful in this event from both our schools
- High School Transition – there have been virtual introductions from the new head teacher, PCS teachers and various other key staff, as well as videos from existing students. One to one discussions with individual children will be done via teams when they return to school.
- Pantomime – although we weren't able to attend a pantomime in person as we normally would, all children in the school were able to watch the Downfield Musical Society with their classmates.
- Learner Led conferences – these were carried out in November via telephone with parents. Unfortunately, as we will only have the children back for a few weeks before the end of this term, we have cancelled the second round. However, written reports will be sent home as normal in the final term.
- End of term services – sadly we haven't been able to hold these in person this session so far, but the classes that would normally have led the services have

produced short videos to share with families. We hope that in the final term, we may be able to invite parents in in person for P7 and preschool children who are at transition points, socially distanced and outside of course. However, we will have to await further guidance before confirming that.

Dates for diary

- Autism Awareness last week of term (focus day on 30/03/21)
- Sports day - 10th June?
- Gym clothes changing to Mondays and Wednesdays to coincide with visiting PE specialist.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm with thanks.

Next proposed meeting **Monday 10th May @ 6pm.**

Any concerns, support or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact any staff member via Dojo, email or by telephoning Newbigging Primary 01382 768121 (not all staff will be there every day).

Newbigging Primary Parent Council can be contacted via our private Facebook page Newbigging School Community or email NPPC.contact@gmail.com