

# P.C Fundraising Team Update – 3 October 2023

## Meeting 3 October 2023 6.15pm @ Costa

**Core Fundraising Attendees:** Lindsey Anderson, Nicola Haswell, Debbie Mutter

**Apologies:** Lynsey Kerr, Patricia Banner

**Guests:** Margaret Millar

\*\* Fundraisers meet first Tuesday monthly 6.15pm “ Costa (Odeon)– all welcome

## MONTHLY FUNDRAISING MEETINGS:

**Sept Action** - discuss creation of Fundraising email address for funding applications and to enable circulation of updates to Fundraising Team core members/main PC/Ms Dougan

**Oct Update** – Data Protection Forms are to be completed at AGM (4/10/23) which will partially address above action. Separate email address still to be discussed with main PC.

## EVENTS HELD:

**Family Fun Night - 20 September 6-7.45pm - See separate update for event details.**

Event was extremely well received by families and the guests/groups who supported. Feedback has been very positive both at the event and on social media. Thanks have already been extended by Fundraising to all directly involved, including a West FM shout out!

Circa 236 registered for the event although around 350 attended on the night. Donations received £172.25, Spent £250 = Cost to Fundraising £77.75.

Longer term collaborative relationships built with Aoife’s Sensory Bus, Nae Bother Publishing, Vibrant Communities, NFL Community Council & EAC School Meals Service.

Feedback/Suggestions Received – discussed October Meeting and will share with Ms Dougan as most of these are achievable between school/Fundraising – perhaps with the exception of the request tickets to see Adelle!

## **McMillan Coffee Morning – 29 September 9.30-11.30**

Event exceptionally well attended, thanks to all who donated plentiful amounts of home baking and generally supported. Special thanks to Mr Swan and the P7 helpers . £538.84 donated at the event, £161 donated via ParentPay less £60.96 on supplies to host which = Net £638.88 to be sent to charity.

## UPCOMING 2023 EVENTS:

**Parents Night – 12 October** – from 3.30? Promote Easyfundraising and encourage suggestions, new members & volunteers. **Can anyone from PC support event for some of the time? (Lindsey Anderson & Margaret Millar available)**

**Halloween Disco - 31 October - hall booked - Mr Swan can support - just checking timings.** Follow previous format.

**Xmas Fair - 1 Dec - hall booked.** PC Fundraising will hold raffle, chocolate stall and bottle stall as before.

School have confirmed Dress Down Day 10th November for kids to donate chocolate items for the PC chocolate stall at Christmas fair.

Arrangements to be made for bottle stall donations – liaise with school

PC member (Nicola) will look into purchasing discounted selection boxes (120) as early as possible – liaising with Mrs Abercrombie

Tie up date(s) for volunteers to label items and wrap selection boxes for Santa (who is booked already) closer to time.

Already commenced requests for raffle prizes – **it was proposed, and majority agreed by Fundraising Team that PC and Fundraising core members will be ineligible for the 2023 main raffle prize.**

### **PROPOSED EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:**

FIDGET TOY, ART SUPPLIES & HALLOWEEN COSTUME AMNESTY - The wish lists generated by the classes last term had a lot of art supply and fidget toy requests. In the interest of sustainability, the Fundraising have suggested leading an amnesty for any good quality fidgets & art supplies that are no longer needed - Fundraising happy to look after this with minimal input from school staff. **Fundraising team agreed 5/9/23** to advertise 'drop off' point at Leisure entrance couple of dates early October. **PROPOSED NEXT 2 FRIDAYS - AGREE WITH SCHOOL & PUBLISISE. Fundraising Team will sort donations.**

FESTIVE FUNDRAISER - PC Fundraising via children's Christmas card packs - we understand this is time consuming for the teachers to submit artwork for every child and may not meet up with poverty proofing the school with the expectations of families to purchase the packs of cards. **Fundraising Team agreed 5/9/23** happy to discuss on an all or nothing basis to avoid parental challenge. **DISCUSSED AT OCTOBER MTG – MAJORITY AGREED NOT TO PROGRESS AT THIS TIME**

CHRISTMAS JUMPER AMNESTY - We'd like to hold a Christmas jumper amnesty around end of Oct/beg Nov to ask for recycled / too small xmas jumpers to be handed in - **Fundraising Team agreed 5/9/23** to have a little stand at the Xmas Fayre to re-distribute them for kids to wear in December. **PROPOSED FIRST WEEK NOVEMBER - AGREE DATE WITH SCHOOL & PUBLISISE**

CAR BOOT SALE - Potential car boot sale fundraiser - a weekend date utilising the small car park near the Sports Centre Entrance - minimal set up and zero cost. Agreement in principle received from school but **Fundraising Team agreed 5/9/23** to park idea until early 2024.  
**ON HOLD**

### **EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR 2024....dates still TBC with school**

February – School disco – See Mr Swan & BOOK HALL

Mid March – Uniform Exchange prior to Easter hols

Mid March – Easter Raffle

Mid June. – Summer Disco (inc Nursery movers)

7 June – Donut Day

Mid Sept – Family Fun Night

27 September – McMillan Coffee Morning

October - Halloween Disco

December – Xmas Fair

## PURCHASES MADE IN LAST MONTH

- Offline Fundraising agreement 16/9/23 £50 Nae Bother Books
- Offline Fundraising agreement 8/9/23 £142.79 Boys Football Team tops/goalie kit
- £60.96 McMillan Coffee Morning supplies – although supplies were required to progress event this will all be repaid to our account from monies raised therefore net zero spend for PC
- £239.99 Pritt Sticks /10/23 for Xmas crafts

## PURCHASES MAJORITY AGREED AT FUNDRAISING MEETING (OCT 2023):

- ££ TBC – remaining supplies for Halloween Disco (crisps, sweets, juice, balloons)
- ££ TBC - P7 Leavers Ties (how many for 2023/24) & Discretionary Hoodies (make provision in fundraising budget now)

## FUNDRAISING APPLICATIONS UPDATE:

- **Dobbies** – succeeded in WINNING the Helping Your Community Grow application! Well done Debbie for the application. Confirmed on 5<sup>th</sup> May and the Ayr store will support the school with gardening products/plants to make green spaces a little brighter. We have a specific budget available to us as the prize and need to arrange a visit with the Community Champion in the shop to go and purchase everything we need (at cost price so a good saving). The project was to rejuvenate the Community Garden by the Sports Centre. Ms Dougan has also engaged Kilmarnock Academy and Ms Gorry will be our lead contact. OCTOBER UPDATE: - Store has now made contact and a visit to be agreed.
- **Tesco Grants** - Mr Swan applied on our behalf for £1500 towards Community Garden & Breakfast Club. [REQUEST UPDATE FROM MR SWAN](#)
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- **Learning Through Landscapes** - linking to the environment & wellbeing as well as the children working with the wider community, working with Mr Swan to apply for grant that will provide nature equipment chosen from a catalogue up to £500 to best suit the school's learners and a 2 hour on site staff training session for up to 30 staff. [MR SWAN CONFIRMED HE WILL APPLY FOR SEPTEMBER DEADLINE - REQUEST UPDATE FROM MR SWAN](#)
- Debbie working with the school on **art projects & visiting authors** through the book trust and would like to secure funding for these projects. Already made contact with a glass artist, a ceramicist and sculptor to enquire about outreach projects / art workshops - with a view to apply for funding to aid these ideas.

- **New Farm Participatory Budget WIN x2** - Two prizes of £1500 were awarded to the Parent Council to allow the school to carry 2 projects forward. One was further assistance with the Community Garden (by the Sports Centre) - the other was to work with a local artist to produce mosaic stepping stones for the Community Garden. Debbie met artist 23rd Aug - she is keen to come and meet at the school once she has an idea of how we can put it in action. Debbie met Ms Dougan 5/9/23 to further discuss. Ms Dougan/Miss Gorry progressing – **must be fully spent by end March 2024.**
- **West FM Cash for Kids schools challenge in spring 2024** - we are aware this is a big undertaking but worthwhile giving it a shot. **Fundraising Team agreed with Mr Swan 5/9/23** best idea was to hold a specific meeting to discuss. PROPOSE INITIAL PLANNING MEETING NOVEMBER
- **Neighbourly** - is a free platform connecting businesses that have volunteer time, money or product surplus to donate with charities, community groups and schools. Where fundraising is a goal, the platform also sends notifications where there is a suitable grant available to apply for. Locally, firms such as B&Q, Aldi, Lidl, Asda & Argos are all signed up as donees. **Fundraising Team agreed 5/9/23 registration should be progressed** as it supports the wider environmental and social agenda, as well as helping both the school and PC funds stretch further for the benefit of all children - need to establish if there is preference for this to be operated wholly by the school themselves or PC to operate on their behalf. **ACTION - Lindsey Anderson to liaise with Ms Dougan**
- **SCVO Grant** – application for funding of Chrome Books for out of school activities submitted 29/9/23.
- **The Leaders Award Competition** – nominated school for entry to the engineering and STEM competition ‘If you were an engineer what would you do?’
- **Athletics Trust Scotland** – application for funding towards after school athletics club submitted.

### **STAFF/PUPIL VOICE WISHLISTS:**

- Currently working through these – variety of requests from pens/scissors/fig-ets/plants/books/board games etc to bigger items for classes. SHORTLISTING - some higher value requests currently being considered for external grant applications (I.e. Chrome Books/VR Headset)
- Repeat request on wish lists for ‘decent glue’ - **Fundraising Team agreed 5/9/23** to purchase Pritt Sticks (225 sticks + 25 Glitter sticks free) £239.99 (\*inc VAT) to enable us to enter the ‘Get Crafty With Pritt’ competition for schools to win £5000. No action required by the school, simply scan the special QR Code they supply with your order. Lindsey to liaise with Miss Gorry/Nicola re. art supplies needed to enable all classes to make Christmas crafts. Fundraising to further consider making up a ‘goody bag’ for each class including items from the amnesty. **ORDERED 1/10/23**

- Request for a significant spend within wish list from the **Sports Committee** – Mr Shaw led a meeting to see how gym could be better improved. Young people felt climbing panels would be a great addition – many benefits include motor skills, strength, problems solving, co-ordination etc. 2 panels c. £1800. **FUNDRAISING PROPOSED AND IT WAS MAJORITY AGREED AT MAY PC MEETING** this would be a good legacy item to progress (on basis playground equipment which had been the original goal is no longer a feasible option per current EAC policy). Fundraising Team agreed to liaise with Mr Shaw to establish climbing wall spec, costs and any EAC/FEZ requirements. Once this information is available, **Fundraising Team to present detailed information back to the main Parent Council for their review and majority approval.**

**OCTOBER UPDATE:** Mr Shaw has confirmed FEZ are happy with proposal for traversing panels.

**Fundraising Team presenting back to main PC at AGM 4/10/23 details of the following request:**

Request from school is for 8 traversing panels

Cost £750 +VAT for pack of 2 (£900) therefore £3600

Currently TTS are offering 20% off orders placed before 25 October 2023 which would bring initial panel spend down to £2880

FEZ will fit for free

Additional holds are available and we seek to order some replacements at same time as main panels to ensure from a safety perspective any repairs required at a later date can be made asap.

**REQUEST FULLY APPROVED BY ALL AGM ATTENDEES 4/10/23 – Fundraising team will liaise with Mr Shaw to progress order of equipment.**

### **OTHER NEXT STEPS:**

Follow up on Parent questionnaire – what's important to them re. fundraising (use consents and data collated from Fun Night)

Follow up on new Volunteers

Create list of all community contacts

Share expenses forms and external funding forms