



Parent Council Newsletter - Term 1 – September 2023

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2023/2024 school year from the Parent Council. In this newsletter you'll find an update on our work as well as details of key forthcoming events. Please note the dates in your diary and we'd love to hear your views about our plans.



Your 23/24 Parent Council

Joint Chair

Loree Thomson / Cathy Hill (P4/P7 parent)

Social Media Secretary

Ashley Newton (P4/P1 Parent)

Secretary

Jennifer Butler (P2/P4 Parent)

Treasurer

Lorna Templeton (P5/P7 parent)

Committee Members:

P1 - Agnieszka Anaszko, Samantha Thompson
Ainsley Clark, Martin Struthers-Smith, Louisa Oram,
Gillian Linton, Colin Murdoch
P2 / P4- Evelyn Black
P3 / P6- Helen Ward
P4 / P6 Stacey Todd
Gillian Linton
Kyla Richardson

The Parent Council includes Mrs Beveridge as Head Teacher/Staff representative and our local elected council members also support us.

Going forward the Parent Council and Parent Association will become more aligned with the aim of increasing fundraising activities to support the education and welfare of our pupils.



Meeting Dates

7pm, 13th September 2023
School Staff Room

7pm, 24th October 2023
School Staff Room

All parents to attend these meetings and everyone is welcome. Minutes of meetings will be uploaded to the school app for all parents to view and access. We welcome any comments on the minutes, just send an email to the Parent Council address.

WE NEED YOU

Our role is to identify and represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of our pupils.

All parents are encouraged to engage and share views with the Parent Council on everything and anything you feel we could be doing to support our school.

We need all kinds of skills to help us succeed, email nrpsparentcouncil@gmail.com to volunteer yours.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- The schools annual Macmillan Coffee morning will be held on Friday 29th September. More details to follow on school app but donations of home baking are appreciated
- Halloween Disco: Thursday 26th October 2023 - Cost of entry £3 per child price includes a small snack. More Details will be available on the app closer to the event.

We are working hard to provide good quality fundraising events. The discos have always been successful and last year's Christmas Breakfast event was well received by all those who attended. As we work to finalise this year's events, we would encourage anyone with any new and exciting fundraising ideas to either drop us an email or pop along to our next meeting.

Donations and Fundraising

The Parent Association fundraising efforts in the last school year have been a huge success and we would like to thank all parents for their support, it makes a huge difference to our children.

Last year we raised over **£5000** to support the school! The funds raised to date from July 22 from various events were as follows:

Psychic Night- £1432

Recipe Book sales - £619

Halloween Disco Tickets - £ 431.43

Christmas Breakfast Event: £1906.21

Spring Disco - £449.20

Donations from Local Businesses £170

My. clothing commission £30.51

These vital funds raised by the Parents Association are reinvested in the school at targeted projects. In addition to paying the school lets and food/materials required for the events listed above. Expenditure in academic year 2022/2023 include:

- The busses for the school's annual trip to the Kilmarnock pantomime were subsidized to the sum of £1400.
- P7 leavers were provided with school hoodies/Academy ties.
- The sand pit at infant end of the school had its' sand replenished.
- Every child was provided with a selection box at the Christmas party.
- Cake and balloons for 50th Birthday celebrations.
- New headphones to support IT within the school.

All profits raised from all further events will directly benefit the school and pupils, teaching staff and parents will be consulted on what they would like the funds to be used for.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Grant Applications:

The Parent Council have applied to the Stewarton Initiatives Group in the hope of securing funding towards the purchase of new sporting equipment. The hope is that Parent Council along with the senior management team within the school can work with East Ayrshire active School to introduce some new after school groups for our children.

If you are aware of any local grants or corporate fundraising your employer may be able to support the school with, we'd love to hear from you by email.

School Update:

Discussions are ongoing with East Ayrshire Council as to the future of the old nursery building. As a Parent Council we have expressed a desire to have the building repurposed to allow the school to use the building to its benefit however at this stage the council have no available funds to facilitate this and the old nursery building does not align with the strategy of EAC to integrate services rather than support standalone buildings. Discussions are ongoing.

The third and final part of the school upgrade is scheduled to take place in Summer 2024. At this stage initial discussions are taking place between East Ayrshire council and the senior management team within the school. It is expected that the gym hall/dining hall/ GP room and the clerical area will all be included in this upgrade. Parents will be updated and consulted as necessary.

Comments and Suggestions

The parent council is very fortunate to receive a great backing from our school community in relation to the support for the events which are organised. Notwithstanding this, we are keen to engage with as many of our parents as possible in our attempt to support our school and enhance the school experience for our children as much as possible.

Any feedback and comments will be greatly received and can be made:

To the Parent Association via our Facebook page

To any of the Parent Council members as notes overleaf

To the school staff members - Mrs Beveridge

By email : nrpsparentcouncil@gmail.com