

CROSS ARTHIRLIE PARENT COMMUNITY

MEETING AT BARRHEAD HIGH SCHOOL 13/05/2025

PRESENT: E Waddell (Chair), V Magowan (Vice Chair), K Fairlie (Treasurer), F Carlton (Fundraiser), F Moody (Fundraiser), S Keir (Fundraiser), J McGregor (HT) G Rice (DHT), R Coyle, M Baxter, C Byars, S Collins, K Howson, L Johnstone, K McVicar, N Murphy, J McFall

APOLOGIES: N McFadyen, N Stephenson, C Azhar

ITEM	DISCUSSION
Apologies	See above
Chair update (E Waddell)	Welcome, particularly to new members and new HT. ERC Chair meeting yet to take place, any updates will be provided at the next meeting
Treasurer's report (K Fairlie)	Bank balance total £4611.72, nursery have £106.33 Allocation grant funds: £1000 for first aid training £2500 for muddy movers area – R Coyle is liaising with S Galloway for staff 'wish list' which will be purchased by PC. Recent spend – Connect membership £166, tables £184.93, ice cream van £495 Available to spend £1005.39
Fundraising update	Halloween Disco confirmed for 22 nd October: P1-4: 6.30-7.30pm P5-7: 7.45-8.45pm Tickets will be available via the website, with opportunities for parents to volunteer. The Easter disco will be split P1-3 and P4-7 due to the reduced participation of P7. Xmas Fair

	A vote was taken, with the decision taken to host the fair on Saturday 28 November. To help with planning, the fair will always be held on the last Saturday of November 27th November will be 'dress as you please' with children encouraged to bring a tombola prize. The event has been advertised to the school community, with some stall vendors already secured.
Headteacher's report (J McGregor)	Thanks extended to school community for warm welcome received. Staffing – C Higgins has been successful in securing a post to assist with clerical duties for early years. Ms Khan and Ms Thomas have recently joined the pupil support team. HMIE – following on from the inspection in June 2024, the LA will conduct a follow through visit, which will take place on 15-16 September. School improvement – the focus is the effective teaching of reading and writing. F MacDonald invested in a new reading scheme prior to her retirement. The school aim to foster positive reading habits amongst students by improving class libraries and the use of the school library, which is well-resourced yet under-utilised.. A staff working party has been established to target daily literacy in P2, with PTs from the LA supporting class teachers. The school have also recently invested in PM writing, with staff receiving training. Reading books will be sent out shortly for homework with parents receiving an update. Clubs – there are a wide rang of clubs available for children to join e.g. fantasy football, choir, dance, tennis, running, music. Shared calendar – this was sent to parents within the September newsletter to help with planning for the year
AOCB	Communication – it was raised again that e-mails to the school are not being acknowledged. J McGregor has confirmed that this will be addressed. Class blogs – class blogs have been removed to prevent images of children to be publicly accessible. S Galloway is working with the LA to provide parents secure access to information/images about class progress. It was noted that the school website also cannot be accessed at present. P7 prom – volunteers are encouraged to join the group.

	P7 residential – information requested at earliest opportunity, particularly surrounding cost of trip.
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