

Kirkhill Parent Council Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers:

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A big THANKYOU to all the parents helpers that invested their time for our "Under the Sea" disco last Friday evening, and in particular enabled us to avoid the risk of cancellation of the P4-7 disco.

Safety of every child is our priority - not just their enjoyment of the evening! Please be assured that we continually review our procedures and how we manage events and when necessary we amend and adapt as we strive to give our children great experiences in a safe and welcoming environment.

A full complement of helpers at our events is essential from a health and wellbeing perspective for all children attending discos; having our requirements for volunteers in place at the earliest opportunity also assists us in our planning of the event.

SPENDING NEWS

We are delighted with fundraising so far this year - the combined profit from the cards/mugs/products and the Christmas Fair enabled us at our most recent PC meeting in November to vote in favour of spending requests proposed by Miss Edmonstone: in due course the atrium we will be supplying some much needed learning resources to the atrium, new sports equipment for playground use, and for every classroom, a reading corner incorporating age-appropriate books for the children to enjoy. All thanks to the magic you all brewed together!

FAMILY FUN DAY

I am aware it's not even Spring but I want to sow the seeds now for a beautiful KPC Family Fun Day in June. It's YOUR day so I want to know what you would like to see happening. Those of you who have been to previous events, please let us know what is popular and what you liked. New parents joining us this academic year may have ideas from other fairs at nurseries, church, etc - I want to hear them all! What items in a summer hamper would attract you to buy one? I will liaise with the office for a suggestion box for any written ideas or you can send me a message via your class reps.

At our summer fair we hold a raffle for which we sell tickets prior to the event so it's a good idea to start approaching businesses early, as we advertise the prizes and companies on our professionally printed raffle tickets - and as always, KPC values our parent forum's to help with donations.

My fundraising team are hot on the track to securing a date for our first PC social evening this year - we will reveal more in the coming weeks!

Also below/overleaf is correspondence I received in relation to the Scottish Government's parental engagement and Empowerment initiative.

That's all folks!
Sidra

Scottish Government/Convention of Scottish Local Authorities “Learning Together” Action Plan

The Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006 sets out the role parents, schools and education authorities must play in ensuring all parents are fully involved and engaged in their children’s learning and in the life and work of our schools.

The Scottish Government made a commitment to update, strengthen and modernise the guidance as part of its joint Scottish Government/Convention of Scottish Local Authorities “Learning Together” Action Plan.

We are now seeking the views of a wider audience to refine the updated guidance.

We are running a full public consultation on the draft updated guidance, from Friday 24 January 2020 until Thursday 30 April 2020.

We would be grateful if you can complete the consultation questionnaire on the refreshed guidance which can be accessed at: <https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/parental-involvement-act>

We hope to hear from anyone who has an interest in how parents can be fully involved and engaged in children’s learning.

For more information on the public consultation and how you can be involved in this please contact: parental.involvement@gov.scot