

Netherlee PTA



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Partners of Netherlee Primary School,
Welcome to our first Sway newsletter. This is designed for easy reading on a mobile device and we hope you will find it accessible. We are pleased to be working in close partnership with the Head Teacher, Senior Leadership Team, School and Nursery staff to ensure that we have a successful year growing our community and having fun.

At the end of the summer holidays we kicked off the year with some brilliant volunteer work to improve the school entrance from Clarkston road. The school asked, and you answered!! Together we transformed the planters and flowerbeds, painted walls and cills, weeded round the playgrounds, litter picked, added screening, took a lot of rubbish to the dump, and the finishing touch was a lovely welcoming mural. Thank you to all for your help.



We couldn't hold our usual welcome to the P1 parents and carers so we went virtual and had some mixer events online. The wonderful Kidnetick led the kids in dancing and jokes and we all got to know each other a little better.



Thank you for all the lovely entries to our Summer Fun competition. We really enjoyed seeing your images and dances. Thank you to Caroline Bennett from The Wee Art Studio and Josh from Kidnetick for judging the competitions. Congratulations to the winners!



Hi Everyone,

I'm Dorothy Buchanan, your co-chair of the PTA with Fiona. I've been volunteering for the last few years and really enjoy organising fun things to do. It's great to see so many kids, parents, teachers and the community getting involved in events and raising funds at the same time. I really appreciate all the effort everyone puts into the PTA and into helping the school community flourish.



Hello, my name's Fiona and I'm co-chair of the PTA for the coming year. I have 3 boys in the school and I'm really excited to be working alongside the school to create lots of opportunities for us all to come together to have some fun despite the best efforts of Covid! Looking forward to meeting you all!



Hi, I'm Shona Clark and I am the PTA Communications Officer. I have two daughters; one in P2 and the other has just started nursery. I wanted to get involved to support the PTA as they do such a good job. The funds raised make a real difference to the kids' school experience and the fun events will hopefully be enjoyed by the whole community.



Hi, I am Lisa MacLachlan and I am PTA Treasurer. I have 3 daughters, 2 who have left the school and 1 in Primary 4. I have been an active member of the PTA for many years.

So why do it!? To support our fantastic school and to help the school community come together in the most wonderful way. And the children? Well they love our events and the fruits of our fundraising labours. Another upside is all the lovely people on the committee that you get to know really well.



Hi Everyone,

My name is Geraldine Smith and I am the PTA Secretary. My youngest child, James, is in P5. This is my first year getting in involved with the PTA as I really appreciate all the fundraising for the school and events for the children that the PTA do and I wanted to help out. I love a blether so please do say 'Hello' if you see me in outside the gates or at events when we manage in-person ones again!



Hi, my name is Susan MacLellan. I have been Uniform Coordinator for the past 3 years. I have 2 sons, one is in P6. Although most of the uniform sales are now online, Jennifer Glen and I still process school hoodie, tie and PE bag orders. Joining the PTA is a great way to support the school and raise much needed funds.



Hi Everyone,

Hi I'm Lorna Colville. I have a daughter in her last year at Netherlee, P7.

I have enjoyed being involved with the PTA for the last 5 years.

I have, over that time, helped out with many of the varied fun events. It's great to see the kids getting involved and enjoying them. For three years now I have been Treasurer and now hand over the reins to Lisa and I will enjoy my final year as Vice Treasurer.



I'm Juliet Bell, I have been helping out with the PTA for five years, the last three as joint vice chair. I've two girls in primary 3 & 5. It's a lot of fun being part of the PTA, supporting community events and being involved with the school - it also lets you hear what's happening, and better understand all the activity that goes on behind the scenes. This year will be very different but I think the sense of community is even stronger than before and I look forward to seeing everyone's scarecrows!



Hi my name is Jennifer Glen. I have 2 children, my son is in P6 and my daughter is in P3. I have been assisting Susan MacLellan with uniform orders for the past 3 years. Being part of the PTA is a great way to support the school and you also meet lots of lovely new people.

A Huge Thanks

We would like to say a huge thank you to Lyndsey Gilchrist who is our out-going Chair. During her tenure as Chair, she has been instrumental in introducing the Halloween Festival, The School Lottery and Easy Fundraising. These are all great ways to raise funds whilst helping to develop a stronger partnership with the school. We would like to thank her for all her hard work in developing and organising events and continuing to support us now.



Connecting our Netherlee Family

So far, 2020 has been a challenging year and we have all had to adjust to new ways of living and working. In a normal year, the PTA would run many events that pull the community together and strengthen partnerships with the school and local community as well as raising much needed funds.

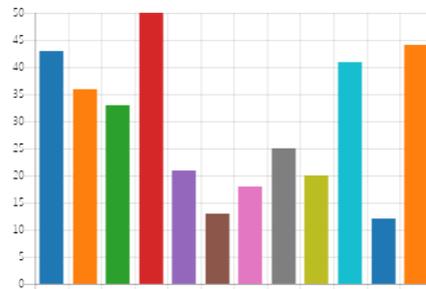
Due to the current situation we have had to re-think how we will operate this year; the Spring lockdown was tough on children and families and staying connected with each other was a challenge. So we have decided to focus on helping us to re-connect and stay connected with our Netherlee Primary Family over this session.

Our events will focus on building community, laughter and connections with each other. Our events will be free of charge but there always be links attached where you can make a donation if you would like to.

2. Please select the events you/your child/family would be interested in attending

[More Details](#)

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| Disco (Pupils only) | 43 |
| Party-with games and dancing... | 36 |
| Pantomime (Families) | 33 |
| School fair (Families/ friends) | 50 |
| A movie night (Families) | 21 |
| A Beetle Drive (Google it, it is ...) | 13 |
| A Family Fitness Fun Night | 18 |
| Family Bingo Night | 25 |
| Quiz Nights | 20 |
| Family BBQ (Summer term) | 41 |
| Family Fortunes | 12 |
| Halloween Event | 44 |



We sent out a survey to help us to plan a calendar of fun events that our children and families would be interested in.

Unfortunately, at the moment a school fair which was most popular, is not possible under current restrictions but we were able to host some P1 Parties online with more coming up for the other classes in November. A Family BBQ in the Summer Term was also popular and will be very much dependent on the restrictions at the time.

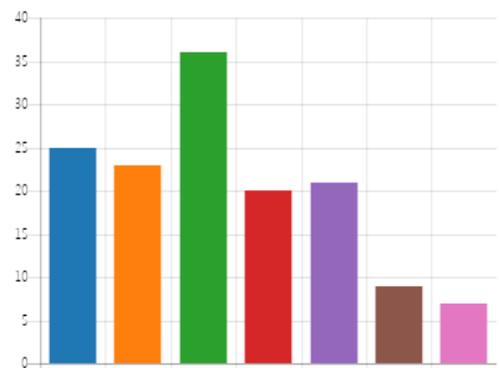
We asked about socially distanced events and the Treasure Hunt was a clear winner with a family quiz coming second. We also received some great suggestions such as the scarecrow Trail, an online bake-off and a Netherlee's Got Talent competition.

These suggestions have given us some great ideas and we have planned some events already with our Scarecrow Day and Scarecrow Trail happening this week and next week.

3. Socially Distanced Fun- would you be interested in any of the following? Please select all that apply.

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| Online Family Quiz | 25 |
| Online Kids Quiz | 23 |
| Treasure Hunt | 36 |
| Murder Mystery | 20 |
| Escape Room | 21 |
| Online Disco | 9 |
| Online race night | 7 |

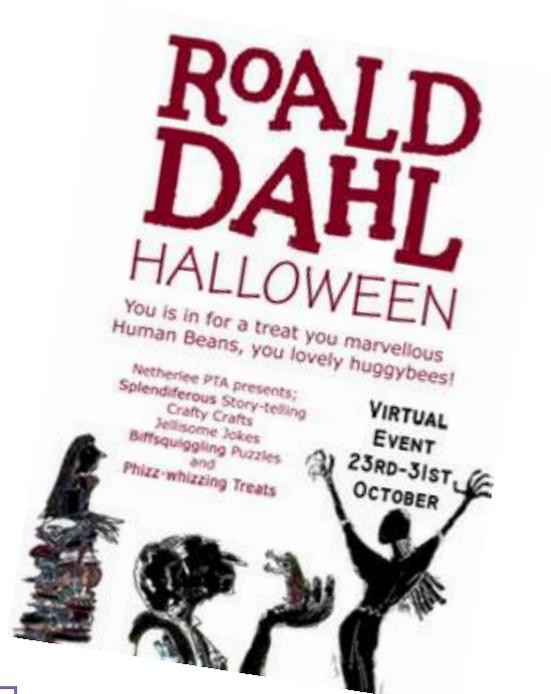


Donations for events can be made via this link: <https://localgiving.org/charity/netherlee-primary-pta/>

Up-Coming Events



Scarecrow Trail 2020 <https://goo.gl/maps/zfPNcwaQRKgBDizB9>



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| Date | Event |
| 23/9/20 | Scarecrow Dress-Up |
| Dates TBC | Personalised Cards |
| 28 th Sep-1 st October | Netherlee Scarecrow Trail |
| 23-31 st October | Roald Dahl Halloween Festival – Instructions on Google Classroom |
| 17/11/20 7.30pm | P6 Social |
| 18/11/20 7.00pm | P4 Disco |
| 19/11/20 6.30pm | P2 Disco |
| 24/11/20 7.30pm | P7 Social |
| 25/11/20 7.00pm | P5 Disco |
| 26/11/20 6.30pm | P3 Disco |

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