

Parent Council Meeting Highlights - 16.06.22

NEXT MEETING

7PM ON WEDNESDAY
31ST AUGUST

ALL WELCOME!

➤ A PLACE FOR ALL PARENTS AND CARERS TO KEEP IN TOUCH AND GET INVOLVED

♥ JUNE AGM

It was great to finally be able to meet in person in the school again in the fabulous new Hub area. A huge thank you to all the new parents who came along for the first time, we appreciated all your views and contributions and were delighted to be able to sign some of you up as new parent council members. Our door is open to all parents to attend meetings as observers or to join the parent council - just email us at netherleeparentcouncil@gmail.com - it's that simple!

We are pleased to announce a full house of **office bearers** for the 2022/23 session, confirmed at our June AGM. Congratulations to all.

Chair: Adam Capek | **Vice Chair:** Martin Whitehead
Secretary: Justin Haccius

The Parent Council has challenged East Renfrewshire Council on the decision to move **council run leisure clubs** to Williamwood as opposed to the Netherlee venue. The main driver for this has been the quality of facilities available at Williamwood. The school staff as well as Active Schools will continue to host after school activities; more information on this in the new term. We are looking forward to inviting our Active Schools Co-ordinator along to one of our meetings in the new session to learn more.

Despite our efforts ERC remain unreceptive to installing a school zone / speed restricted area on Clarkston Road. However, they have committed to a general review of speed limits in the locality and have started the preliminary information gathering on this. We will continue to liaise with the Netherlee Community council as they share concerns re local **road safety**.

There is a local campaign underway for a **child-safe cycle lane** for children travelling to and from Williamwood High School. The campaign is consistent with aspirations for sustainability in the community and improving children's health and well-being and was positively received by the Parent Council. More information is available on their [Facebook page](#).

The parent council will be helping the school in the coming months by reviewing the current **School Handbook**, available on the school website [here](#), to make this more parent friendly. Any parent feedback welcome.

♥ HEAD TEACHER REPORT



It has been a very positive year for the partnership between the school and Parent Council and we all appreciate how this benefits the school and children alike.

Opening the doors again to parents in this final term has been extremely rewarding for all involved. Parents have loved being able to

observe their children in the school environment again and the quality of the presentations, performances and work has been outstanding. There has also been amazing engagement from parents too! Events such as the fun walk have only been viable due to parent volunteers so a huge thank you to those involved.

The school will trial a hybrid approach to **Parents' Meetings** in the new session. As parents have expressed different views on their preferences the school will seek to accommodate both face to face and online options.

New **P1 Transition** has progressed very well, supported by various events for children and parents. Already we see the new p1s looking very comfortable in their classrooms and open areas and with their teachers. New nursery children and their parents have also experienced visits to help smooth their entry in the new term. Our P7 classes have had a number of very successful visits to Williamwood as part of their extended **transition to high school**. Williamwood staff also came to Netherlee and hosted a successful Literacy challenge and Maths fayre to further support this major transition.

A joint school and Parent Council working party have conducted a review of **Homework**. Parent feedback is that homework is still very much valued by parents. Yet, there was a desire for more flexibility around family life and that it should incorporate life skills and outdoor learning. Children also expressed a desire for more feedback on their homework. Taking this all on board, a draft proposal for a new, simplified approach to homework has been designed and will be launched in the new session.

The **new school website** has been available for some weeks now and recently received good feedback from ER council reps. Please have a look [here](#) and feedback any suggestions. It is expected the old site will be completely replaced with the new one over the summer months.