

# Parent Council Meeting Highlights - 15.02.22

NEXT MEETING

7PM ON WEDNESDAY  
19TH APRIL **IN PERSON**

ALL WELCOME!

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

## WELCOME

Welcome to the first Parent Council Newsletter of 2023! It was great to see lots of new and old faces in the school hub last week. We kicked off our February meeting with a very informative presentation from the P7 pupil parliament leaders. We also heard from the leadership team about recent in-service days and the great progress they are making on the school and nursery improvement plan. Please read on to find out how you can get involved and help our school and nursery be an even better place for our children to learn. Our next meeting will be face to face in the school on Wed 19 April and we'd love to see you there.

Thanks, Adam Capek (Chair)

## PARENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

A joint letter from several local parent councils was sent to East Renfrewshire council in an attempt to influence the imminent **council budget cuts**. We received a sympathetic response and will continue to be involved in championing the case for protecting education funding. On the subject of **road safety** it has been noted that many vehicles are double parked in the Pavilion carpark with engines running at school pick up time. For the sake of our children's health and safety please park safely and switch off your engines.

## SPOTLIGHT ON PUPIL COMMITTEES



Well done to our P7 children for educating us on the purpose, achievements and current focus of their cross-stage pupil committees.

**The Citizenship Committee** is focused on achieving Gold Rights Respecting School status through understanding and promotion of children's rights.

**The Eco Committee** is on a mission to achieve the prestigious Eco Green Flag Award and are focused on biodiversity this term. Achieving the Digital Wellbeing award is the target of **the Safety Committee** who also have a focus on road safety. **The Wellbeing Committee** are aiming high for the Sports Scotland Gold Award and are celebrating sporting achievements inside and outside school. The children also asked for help from the parent community so please get in touch if you can assist!

**Citizenship** – Help with contacts with local foodbanks or charities that the pupils could support.

**Wellbeing** – Any athletes or people with stories of sporting achievements who would like to share their experiences with the school (this could be via a video recording).

**Safety** – Help with expertise in internet or tech security or ideas for road safety activities.

**Eco** – Help from parents who work with sustainable energies, biodiversity or animal/bird protection and who would be willing to share their knowledge.

## HEAD TEACHER REPORT



We are excited to report some planned improvements to our **indoor and outdoor sports facilities**. East Ren council is funding a new, modern sports floor in

our gym hall– replacing the old wooden surface. This will be installed this term. Outdoors the PTA are funding new painted, multi-court areas in the p2-5 playground and the provision of new netball stands.

The recent in-service days were very successful in driving forward the school improvement plan. Highlights included a new approach to **Moderation**. This was conducted across cluster and local authority for the first time. This proved very productive as teachers were able to share ideas across a wider group and build a network for ongoing collaboration. **The Everyone Matters group** devised a plan for achieving Gold Family Focused Accreditation in May. This award is given to schools and nurseries who champion equity, equality and diversity and facilitate family involvement in their life and work. Accreditation involves an audit against a self-evaluation framework including a parent questionnaire. Watch this space for more information. In the **Nursery** planning activity was focused on strategies for developing early communication and language skills, how to promote gender equality through play and visits to other nurseries to share ideas. Our **Digital Group** are also updating inventories of tools and technologies and their uses in line with latest developments.

Under the banner of **'safe travel'** P7D are trialling an active travel tracker to gather data on methods of travel to school. Successful so far, this will soon be rolled out to other stages. All of this research will ultimately inform a safe and healthy travel action plan.