

Parent Council Meeting Highlights - 19.04.22

NEXT MEETING

AGM - 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE

ALL WELCOME!

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

WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIR

Welcome to the latest Parent Council Newsletter! Last week we discussed several topics including the school's efforts to give all our children a greater sense of inclusion and diversity in their lives. This is a continued priority for us and it is vital the school and nursery have a vibrant Parent Council to represent all your voices. I will finish my time as chair at our **AGM on 7th June** and some longstanding members will be moving on as their children depart Netherlee. It would be great to get new faces involved so we really hope to see you there. Enjoy the newsletter and the spring sunshine!

Adam

PLEASE COMPLETE A SHORT SURVEY TO HELP THE SCHOOL ACHIEVE THIS AWARD!

SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY FOCUS

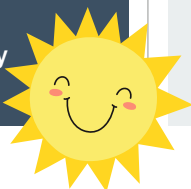
Staff, pupils and parents have been hard at work this year on activities to achieve the **Family Focused Gold Award**. This award is given to schools and nurseries who champion equity, equality and diversity and facilitate family involvement in the life and work of the school. Gaining this prestigious award would be great for our school as it's very rarely awarded in East Renfrewshire.

A joint parent and staff body, the **Everyone Matters Group**, have devised a plan to work towards the award. This includes ensuring that all families are given the opportunity to be engaged in the life and work of the school and nursery. To support this the group have created a **Charter** which reinforces the values and ethos of Netherlee. A key part of the evaluation process is feedback from parents in the form of a questionnaire.



We must hit an 80% response rate to be considered for the award so please complete the survey by 12th May.

Here are links to the [nursery](#) and [school](#) surveys. If you have children in both the school and nursery please just complete the nursery version.



HEAD TEACHER REPORT



I am pleased to say that Diversity month was a great success, highlighted by our fantastic Diversity evening. This was the first event of this kind in our school and the engagement and support from families was beyond expectation.

Thank you to all involved. We also held a really insightful whole school assembly where our children shared their personal experiences of celebrating religious festivals such as Eid. Going forward our focus will be on diversity in the broadest sense - seeking to celebrate all our differences.

This term is set to be even busier with the show, class trips, sports week and a host of **transition activities** to prepare children for the next stage of their learning. **Primary 7** transition to high school is already well underway. The recent Williamwood High School (WHS) cluster sports festival gave our pupils the opportunity to join in sports and games with children from the other feeder schools. Extended transitions for those requiring additional support have already commenced. WHS staff have been visiting our P7 classes throughout the year. Further transition support will include a video tour, introduction to the WHS pastoral team, talks with former pupils, a maths extravaganza and 2 full induction days in June. A P7 parents information evening is also scheduled for mid June.

New **Primary 1** welcome days are also being arranged for families with those nursery children moving up having classroom visits. The **Nursery** will also hold welcome days for parents and carers to help new starts ease in. More information on all of these sessions will be forthcoming.

Lastly, in the spirit of inclusion and equity we have been thinking about how to improve our **Sports Week** this year (30/5 - 2/6). We will retain some of the traditional competitive races but increase the options to involve more pupils. We hope to balance this with more non-competitive and widely engaging events involving families such as dance and fitness, sports taster sessions, workshops and possibly inspirational talks. Thanks to the PTA for helping with this and watch out for more information!