

# Parent Council Meeting Highlights - 07.06.22

**NEXT MEETING**

7PM ON  
WEDNESDAY 30TH  
AUGUST 2023

**ALL WELCOME!**

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

## ✓ WELCOME

We're at the end of another year and it's all change in the Parent Council! Following our AGM I'm delighted to say that we will have a **whole new leadership team** for next session who bring enthusiasm and fresh ideas. Co-chairs will be Emma Anson, Harriet Boyle and Gillian Gray. Victoria Pearson has become our new secretary.

I have hugely enjoyed chairing the Parent Council. This **vital link between the school leadership team and parents and carers** and the open and thorough dialogues we can achieve make the school community better for all, so I would encourage all of you to consider attending future meetings to ensure we continue to represent everyone's views.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last year and good luck to our new team! Have a great summer.

Adam

## ✓ CHILDREN'S WELLBEING

One of our members shared with us an interesting initiative that has developed in Ireland called "**It takes a village**". A cluster of eight primary schools in one Irish community have come together to share experiences and equip themselves with tools and resources they need to help support their children's wellbeing.

Some of the practical actions being taken locally in the communities involved include **free psychological counselling for young people** to support those dealing with anxiety and mental health challenges, and a **voluntary ban on smart phones**, as a way of preventing anxiety and reducing exposure to adult material.

This initiative certainly got us talking! There were lots of different views from across the Parent Council on whether something like this might or might not work in Netherlee. It's something we'll continue to explore when we meet again at the start of the next session in August.

Our June meeting also touched on topics like the **value add of written reports on children's progress** versus more face to face time with class teachers, and the school's role in helping **tackle vandalism in the community**.

If you are interested in discussing topics like this, please join us when we come back together again in August!

## ✓ HEAD TEACHER REPORT



Myself and the entire staff team at Netherlee are proud of what's been a **busy and positive year**. There has been brilliant enthusiasm from parents throughout the school year across a wide range of activities. We have really enjoyed hearing the positive feedback from parents on the different ways they have been involved in the school.

A particular highlight this year has been receiving the **Gold Family Focused Award** from East Renfrewshire Council. 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. The staff team worked hard to pull together the evidence for the award and this was strengthened by the brilliant response we got from parents through the Everyone Matters Group, the survey and focus groups. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this, it really is a huge achievement and we look forward to continuing to build on our good work on family engagement.

Alongside the Family Focused Award we have also achieved a couple of reaccreditations, including our **Gold Rights Respecting Schools Award** and our **Digital Safety 360 Level 1**. We have also submitted for reaccreditation for our **Eco Schools Green Flag Award** and our **Gold sportscotland School Sport Award**. All of these award schemes have at their core self assessment and learning and show our commitment to continually improving our practice and the experience for our Netherlee pupils and families.

I was delighted to hear positive feedback from parent council members on the P7 trip to Lochgoilhead and School Sport Week activities. Following the helpful discussion at the parent council meeting we will continue to consider ways to ensure the **P7 trip is accessible and affordable** for all of our pupils.

**Parental engagement was a key focus for our School and Nursery Improvement Plan (SNIP)** this year and I've been delighted with the progress we've made. We are currently developing our SNIP for the 2023/24 session and this will be available on the school website in August. A key focus for next year will be on **increasing our engagement with the wider community**. In the meantime, I hope everyone has a fantastic summer and see you in August