

Parent Council Meeting Highlights - 17.04.24

NEXT UP
AGM

7PM ON WEDNESDAY
5TH JUNE

ALL WELCOME!

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

✓ PARENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

SNIP spotlight: Developing the learning and teaching of reading

Our final topic from the school and nursery improvement plan (SNIP) was developing the learning and teaching of reading. Key highlights include:

Career long professional learning School teachers have received additional training and are passing this on to fellow teachers and wider school staff - developing reading strategies and setting up targeted programmes for children who need an extra boost.

School library Developing the school library has been a key success of this SNIP activity, aiming to boost enthusiasm for books & reading for pleasure. Pop up libraries have encouraged parental engagement.

Refreshing resources There has been investment in class novels and texts to ensure they are diverse, modern, motivating and engaging.

Road Safety East Renfrewshire Council responded to our enquiry about the school crossing patrol service. The Council plans to replace the crossing patroller at Linn Park Avenue with a zebra crossing while the crossing patroller on Clarkston Road will remain. We agreed to write back to the council noting our concerns about road safety and would encourage any parents concerned to do the same.

Composites and class mixing East Renfrewshire Council have published a new policy on class organisation, which sets out guidance for composite classes and mixing classes. NPS has no need to introduce composite classes next year. It will maintain its approach of keeping classes the same each year where possible, while ensuring there is plenty of opportunity for shared learning experiences across stages to develop relationships and support the transition to high school.

Instrumental music We discussed concerns about accessibility and transparency around instrumental music lessons inside and outside of school. We agreed to approach the council to find out more information about the service.

PTA Update

The PTA is planning for its busy Spring/Summer period and there are lots of opportunities for parents to get involved. The **Summer Fayre is on 15 June 2024** and there will also be P1 welcome events and picnics and school sports week throughout June. If you are interested in helping at PTA events, please contact: netherleepta@gmail.com.

The PTA's current fundraising priorities are to support end of term events & celebrations and develop the school garden.

If you need a uniform refresh, there are two uniform sales planned - before the summer break and during summer before the new term starts in August.

✓ HEAD TEACHER REPORT

The **cage upgrade project** is underway with a mural design competition. The school will be looking for donations of paint and other supplies to support the project.

A **cluster ASN conference** will take place at Carolside Primary on 7 May. NPS staff will learn more about supporting pupils with a range of diverse needs such as dyslexia, autism and ADHD.

During Term Four, a focus on **Developing the Young Workforce (DYW)** will support employability skills and raise awareness about the transition into high school and the wider world of work. We're inviting local businesses and parents into the school to help and engaging in **expeditionary learning** to explore big questions like "What will our world look like in future?"

In response to parental feedback on **recognising pupil sporting achievements**, we have been celebrating amazing pupil achievements, representing NPS in a wide range of sports and activities like netball, dance, cross country, basketball and badminton.

The **P7 debating club** recently participated in the Lord Provost school debate. They debated against another local school with pupils from both schools participating in Zoom to contribute questions.



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