

# Parent Council Meeting

## 20.11.24

NEXT  
MEETING

7PM ON WEDNESDAY  
22ND JANUARY

ALL WELCOME!

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

### ✓ PARENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

**Networking with other parent councils** Two of our members attended wider East Renfrewshire Council parent council meetings and updated on key topics discussed:

**Attendance** - Although East Renfrewshire Council has the highest attendance rates in Scotland, these are still lower than pre-Covid levels. Parent council reps reflected on changing attitudes towards school attendance since the pandemic and what schools can do to support better attendance. Mrs Donaldson noted that Netherlee's attendance levels are above the council average and have gone back to pre-Covid levels. The school leadership team monitors attendance closely and is taking action in targeted areas to support good attendance.

**Violence against Women** - The joint Scottish Government/COSLA Equally Safe strategy commits to preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls, and addressing the underlying attitudes and systems that perpetuate it. Parent council reps explored how this applies in education. While the strategy is more targeted at secondary schools, it recognises that we can start to tackle gender inequality from a young age. For example, through activities such as gender equal play in nursery settings and equipping primary school children to identify and speak about gender bias.

### ✓ TOPIC ROUND UP

**The Cage** - Designs have been submitted under the diverse community theme and selection is underway. The school will call out for parents and community members to help with final selection.

**Volunteering opportunities** - From designing and painting the link corridor that hosts the music room, to delivering Bikeability to P6s and P7s, there is a volunteering opportunity for everyone! Get in touch with the school if you would like to help with these areas or any of the following: open area play with the P1s and P2s, reading, woodworking, sewing, cooking including cultural cooking or arts.

### ✓ SNIP SPOTLIGHT

**School and nursery improvement plan** - Mrs Roberts updated on the school's progress with the **Keeping the Promise Award**, which is being implemented across East Renfrewshire schools. It supports schools to engage with **The Promise** - to ensure care experienced young people in Scotland grow up loved, safe and respected.

The Award provides **professional learning opportunities** to schools, supporting anyone working with children and young people, particularly those who are care experienced. The learning focuses on language and terminology for supporting care experienced young people, identifying children's needs and what the school can do to provide positive experiences and build resilience.

School staff reflected on the challenging and powerful nature of the learning content. They noted that while it primarily focuses on care experienced young people, there is a wider connection with the school values and what they mean in this context, which will support all pupils.

At our next meeting we will be helping develop the school's **'Supporting pupils'** policy. This is an important umbrella policy that covers a range of areas that will be of interest to parents - **equalities and inclusion, anti-bullying, anti-racism** and **promoting positive behaviours**. Why not come along to our next meeting and put your voice in the mix to shape this policy?



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**PTA Update** A huge thanks from the PTA for the tremendous support from families and the local community for the school discos. A special shout out to Scots Pharmacy and Linn Cafe for their support and to all the volunteers. The discos raised circa £2k and PTA members are liaising with the school leadership team on how to allocate these additional resources to enhance pupil experiences during the year. This will be informed by consultation with wider staff and pupils. Look out for more information on this soon.

The PTA is always looking for volunteers so please get in touch if you want to get involved: netherleepta@gmail.com. Upcoming events include a uniform sale in January and family quiz night before the Easter break