

The Parent Council is a group of parents/carers who represent parent/carer views and work in partnership with school staff and the local authority to achieve the best for all pupils. Having a Parent Council allows the collective view of parents/carers to be represented on matters such as the quality and standards of education at the school and other matters of interest. The Parent Council meets once a month and successfully moved to virtual meetings in August 2020. By using the on-line platform Zoom, this has, on occasion, allowed for more engagement from parents/carers who may not normally have joined our meetings. This has been welcomed by the Parent Council.

2020/21 has been another successful year for the Parent Council despite all the challenges.

As always we have worked hard on our collaboration with the School and the wider community of St Angela's Primary. Our efforts have been aimed at making sure school and families of St Angela's know we are here to listen to their concerns.

The school benefits from a very dedicated and hardworking group of parents/carers who aim to provide support to the whole community of St Angela's Primary.

Our main aim as a Parents Council is to work in strong collaboration with the school to provide the best academic and schooling experience for our kids. As a parental group it is the children's learning experience that is first and foremost in our minds.

Follows is a roundup of the past school year to highlight the incredible work and effort that went into the previous school year 2020/21

## **FUNDRAISING & EVENTS**

We took the decision early on that fundraising during term 2020/21 would be reduced and the focus would be engaging with families in fun ways and offering opportunities for them to come together safely/virtually. The below are the events organised and delivered by the Parent Council:

- Pumpkin Art Competition
- Christmas Raffle
- STEM Competition
- Easter Raffle
- Family Fun Fitness Session
- Leavers Celebration/Disco

All of the above were fantastic events that families and specifically the children very much enjoyed. We hope to repeat some of these in term 2021/22. The Primary 7 Leavers celebration was an event we simply did not want pupils to miss out on. We worked with Glasgow City letting and produced a robust risk assessment to ensure the event would be safe for all and then we were blessed with the beautiful weather for the evening. The pupils and their families had a fantastic time. The planning of this event is a huge undertaking by the Parent Council every year but this year had that little bit of added pressure with the emphasis on safety. A huge thanks to everyone who gave up their time to prepare the school hall and grounds on the day and to those who volunteered to supervise the event. It was a great success.

## **OUTDOOR LEARNING/HEALTH & WELLBEING**

The Parent Council have been advocates of Outdoor Learning for many years. This past year has emphasised even more, the need for children to enjoy and learn from the outdoors. A mammoth effort was made by the Parent Council and parent/carer volunteers to improve the school playground during the Easter break. We painted tyres, cut back overgrown bushes, created bright murals, outdoor cafe, bus, planting area and a litter pick.



We surveyed families at the start of 2021 to ask about their experiences during these difficult times. Health and fitness came out as an area families wished to improve. With this feedback, we organised a 4 week block of Fun Family Fitness. This event was held virtually via zoom. Families came together, keeping fit and having fun, all from the comfort of their home and at no cost to families

## **SALTIRE PROJECT –**

**St Angela's Learning Together in Respect of their Environment**

A special thanks goes to Parent Council members Eabhnat, Fiona and Selina who worked incredibly hard in the background to create the **SALTIRE** Project. They have been rewarded for all their hard work by successfully securing a £9000.00 Grant from Area Partnership. Working together with the school Management team and local organisation 'Sowing Seeds' there are great plans to develop the school grounds incorporating the schools focus on Climate Change. We will share more on this as the project develops.

### **Thanks:**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their contribution this past year.

Caroline Logan , our Treasurer for a number of years, who's family have now moved on to St Paul's. I am incredibly grateful for the time she has given to this role and to the Parent Council. Thank you to Vice Chair Olu Shokunbi who took on this role having only recently joined the group and has brought so much to the group already and who has supported myself as Chair. We also said a fond farewell to longstanding Parent Council member Tricia O'Neil, we wish Tricia all the best as they now join the St Paul's family. Thank you to Teresa Aitken for continuing to support our Parent Council in her role as minute taker.

A heartfelt thanks to all committee members of term 2020/21. You have committed so much time, offered your support and wisdom at every meeting and event and this has resulted with us being in a position to offer great opportunities for the families of St Angela's Primary

A special thank you to Mrs Carroll and Mrs Fischer, your support is invaluable.

A final thank you goes to Mrs LaCombre, Mrs Watson and Mr Kerlin, I am incredibly grateful to the support and guidance we receive from you all. We wish Mrs Watson every happiness in her retirement and we welcome Mrs Isaacs to the team.

Thank you for allowing me to represent the parents and carers of St Angela's for the past 3 years as Chair. We have a fantastic group, who I know look forward to continuing to carry on the good work and continue to welcome new members,

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## **Membership**

The Parent Council needs new members to keep it vibrant, particularly parents whose children are at the start of their school experience and have a long association ahead of them. Everyone on the Parent Council brings something different and something useful to make it work, so please don't think you have nothing to offer. If you are interested in becoming a member get in touch:

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All parents and carers are welcome to attend Parent Council meetings. Updates from the Parent Council and minutes of all meetings are available upon request. We are working towards having them accessible via the school website and will update everyone as this is complete.

We will continue to use our Twitter @StAngelasPC and school email/Groupcall to keep you informed. You can of course contact us at anytime.