

## **Ever wondered what the Parent Council do?**

Here is an overview of what Applegrove Parent Council did in the Year 2015/2016

- Ongoing involvement in the **refurbishment of Applegrove**. The Council's Senior Resources Officer regularly attends our meetings and on one occasion was accompanied by the Council's Design Manager to brief us on the upgrading works. Our involvement has covered parents' concerns about contractor vehicles using the playground, some snagging issues with the Main Hall, and other parental concerns regarding the safety of pupils.
- We were instrumental in having **hot meals re-instated** from Oct – Dec 2015, when the Council planned on serving cold food only whilst the Main Hall works ran way over schedule.
- With the Council we highlighted parental concerns regarding **children's safety** on Sanquhar Road last September during the Council's construction of the cycle path. Council Health and Safet officers were involved until the issue was resolved and the cycle path completed.
- PC members were involved in the **recruitment of the Deputy Head Teacher's post** last December. They sat on the interview panel to appoint Mrs Maclellan, the successful applicant. The PC is required to have an input into any senior staff appointments at Applegrove.
- **First Aid in school** for pupils is something that the PC has actively pushed forward. We spoke to the Scottish Executive, Teaching Unions and the Council's Quality Improvement Officer for Applegrove in an effort to resolve it and in November 13 PSA's were trained in Paediatric First Aid which included choking, seizures, recovery position and CPR.
- The PC has also had a more practical influence in helping **replace the old bike shed** which was an eye-sore, with a shiny new one that should be better able to withstand vandalism, etc.
- We help out with the **PTA fund-raising events** where we can.

We'd be happy to have new members if anyone is interested. We're a friendly group who all have the best interests of the school and our children in common. We're not airy fairy, we can have a positive and constructive influence on school life - but only if parents get involved! So please consider joining us, we'd love to welcome you.

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