

St Peter's Parent Council newsletter



Welcome to the St Peter's Parent Council newsletter. In this issue, we will look back at some of our highlights during the last school year and let you know how you can get involved this year. We'd also like to thank you for your continued support of the Parent Council and for your generosity and attendance at our fundraising events.

Meet our Chair

I'm Frances Grier and two of my kids are at St Peter's – my wee boy is in P1 and my daughter is in P7. For the past year, I've been chairperson of the Parent Council, which is made up of, and run by, parents and carers in our school community. We meet once a month in St Peter's Church Hall – Mrs Dunne and Father Duncan also come along. The meetings are a great way of finding out more about what's happening at the school and to share your views.

The main role of the Parent Council is to support the school and to represent the views of the parents and carers. We also raise funds to give the children treats throughout the year. Find out more below.

Join the Parent Council

We are looking for new Parent Council members. No experience is needed – just come along to our AGM in St Peter's Church Hall at 7.15pm on Wednesday 25 September to see what it's all about. We would love if you could join us!



Sponsored walk

We are holding a sponsored walk on Monday 5 October at 9.15am. This will involve the whole school and we would love it if someone from home could join in too – a parent or carer, grandparent, aunt or uncle. There will be light refreshments served in the school afterwards. We hope to raise as much funds as possible to go towards a school trip to the pantomime this Christmas. Your child should have a sponsor sheet home with them – please hand it back in to the school office by Monday 30 September.

Halloween disco

The Parent Council organised two Halloween discos (pre-school to P3/P4 to P7) in the school gym hall and we were there on the night to supervise, serve drinks and hand out goody bags. Look out for information on this year's discos soon.



Christmas pantomime

We arranged for a touring panto company to come to St Peter's last December to perform Cinderella. We were also there on the day to hand out popcorn, juice and sweets to all the children. As mentioned above, we're hoping to arrange a trip out to the pantomime this year using the funds raised at our sponsored walk and will let you know details soon.



Christmas fayre

Together with the school, we co-hosted the Christmas fayre last year. We were delighted to raise almost £1,600, which was split between the school, Early Years and the Parent Council. We're looking forward to organising this year's fayre and will let you know the date and how you can get involved as early as possible.

Bingo night

Thanks to everyone who came along to our bingo night in May. It was a great night and we raised a fantastic £895. The money was used to pay for the school's summer trip to Dean Castle Country Park in Kilmarnock.



Sports day

Some of our members helped out at the sports day before the summer holidays. We also used our funds to pay for ice lollies for all of our Early Years and school children.



P7 leavers

We were pleased to pay for our P7s' leavers hoodies and presented them all with a St Matthew's school tie at the end of the school year. We hope to do the same again for this year's P7s.

P4 Communion cake

We used some of our funds to pay for a cake for all the P4s to enjoy at a class party to celebrate some of the children making their First Holy Communion.

North Ayrshire Council funding application

We were successful in our application to North Ayrshire Council's Youth Participatory Funding scheme and were delighted to secure an award of £656. We used the funding to buy furniture and equipment for the school's STEAM room, including storage units, a fridge, shelves and lots of cooking utensils.

Easy ways of raising money for St Peter's

We'd like to let you know about two great initiatives that raise money for St Peter's without costing you anything. Please read the information below and consider signing up to the fundraising schemes.

easyfundraising – easyfundraising partners with more than 7,000 brands, including Argos and M&S, which will donate part of what you spend with them online to St Peter's Parent Council. It won't cost you any extra – the cost is covered by the brand you're shopping with. Those who have already signed up have raised more than £500 for the Parent Council and we hope new sign-ups will help boost our funds further. To sign up, visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk or download the app and search for 'St Peter Primary

School, Ardrossan' under 'Find a cause'.

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools – Asda's new Cashpot for Schools programme is supporting all primary schools across the UK. Every time you shop with the Asda Rewards app from now until 2 November, Asda will donate 0.5% of your total spend to St Peter's. To get involved, click on the 'Cashpot for Schools' ad in the Asda Rewards app and follow the instructions to find and select St Peter's as the school you want to support.

Get in touch

If you would like more information about the Parent Council, to get involved, or if you would like us to raise any issues on your behalf, please do get in touch via our mailbox: stpetersprimarypc@gmail.com.