



# Parent Council and Fundraising Committee Update



## Meet our Parent Council for 23-24:

	<b>Name:</b>	Leanne McDermott
	<b>Position:</b>	Chair (P7)
	<b>About Me:</b>	Hi there, this year in my role as chair I hope to help bridge any communication gaps with the school / parents /carers and act as an honest parent voice when it is needed. I will continue to act a positive ambassador for the school within the community. I have 3 girls S3, P7 and age 4. My hobbies are Munro Bagging and watching Netflix.
	<b>Name:</b>	Paula Cathcart
	<b>Position:</b>	Deputy Chair (Fundraising Lead) (P7)
	<b>About me:</b>	I am mum to two children, the youngest of whom is in p7. I am deputy chair of the Parent Council (PC) and chair of the PC Fundraising Committee (PCFC). I initially joined the PCFC to help me develop a closer relationship with the school and with other parents. This year I have also joined the PC to help create closer understanding and alignment between the school leadership and staff ensuring their priorities and objectives are at the centre of our focus in the PCFC.
	<b>Name:</b>	Nicola Pollok
	<b>Position</b>	Secretary (P6)
	<b>About Me:</b>	Hi there, I have 2 children P6 and P3 and have been a part of the parent council for one year so far and this is my first year as secretary. I hope to help link the parents and school and help to make the school experience brilliant for our kids!
	<b>Name:</b>	Debbie Gray
	<b>Position</b>	Treasurer (P3)
	<b>About Me:</b>	Hi everyone! I have a daughter in P3. As part of the Parent Council, I will be able to represent the views of other parents and encourage the links with the school. I am also the treasurer and link up with the fundraising committee treasurer to ensure our finances are in check.
	<b>Name:</b>	Jennifer Gavin
	<b>Position</b>	Nursery Rep
	<b>About Me:</b>	I am Mum to Callum who attends Westfield nursery. I am a new recruit to the Parent Council. I have recently joined the gym in a bid to get fit. But to be honest after running around after a very inquisitive 3yr old most nights I'm so shattered I just want my bed.
	<b>Name:</b>	Natalie MacLeod
	<b>Position</b>	P1 Rep
	<b>About Me:</b>	I am approachable, friendly and trustworthy. My son has just started his Westfield journey in p1 and I'm keen to support the school community. I'm happy to raise any points for discussion on behalf of the p1 parents and value the importance of good communication to benefit the children's school experience. I enjoy spending time outdoors on family adventures, shopping with friends or watching films with a bowl of popcorn.

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	<b>Name:</b>	Lorraine Lymburn
	<b>Position:</b>	P2 Rep
	<b>About me:</b>	Hi, I'm new to the PC this year. I have decided to become a member to support the school and parents. I am a mum of 3 boys who attend Nursery, P2 and P3. Since I'm going to be there with them I thought it would be worthwhile getting more involved. 😊 My 3 boys and my job take up most of my time but my interests are spending valuable time with family, making memories with mine and I like to relax to Netflix.
	<b>Name:</b>	John Reid
	<b>Position:</b>	P3 Rep
	<b>About me:</b>	This is my third year on the Parent Council, as a former pupil of Westfield Primary (many moons ago) I recognise the importance of parents/carers concerns being heard in a positive manner so that we can make things better for our little ones. I have two children on in S2 and one in P3. My hobbies include football and Taekwondo.
	<b>Name:</b>	Victoria Neilson
	<b>Position:</b>	P5 Rep
	<b>About me:</b>	Hi all, I have two daughters, Esmée in P5 and Robyn P2. I enjoy swimming and reading (when I get a chance!). I am passionate about engaging the school with the wider community and I am a strong parent voice when I need to be!
	<b>Name:</b>	Lynn Coleman
	<b>Position:</b>	P4 Rep
	<b>About me:</b>	Hi, I have a daughter in P4 and a crazy boy in P1! I enjoy walking and my new hobby...cold water dips in Loch Lomond! Brrr! I am passionate about helping kids be the best they can be and will be involved in the poverty proofing project this year. Looking forward to working with everyone. Feel free to say hi if you see me at the school gates.
	<b>Name:</b>	Donna Monaghan
	<b>Position:</b>	P6 Rep (and fundraising committee)
	<b>About me:</b>	Hi everyone! I have 2 kids in Westfield P6 & P5. As part of Parent Council, I hope to bring parents and school together in a community that makes school the best it can be for the children.

So, we get asked this a lot! **What does the Parent Council do and what is the Fundraising Committee?**

<b>PC – Parent Council Role</b>		<b>FC – Fundraising Committee Role</b>
-Support the school in its work with pupils. -Represent the views of parents and carer. -Encourage links between the school, parents/carers, pupils, pre-school groups and the wider community.		-Create events that the children, parents/carers and staff can enjoy. -Raise money to help fund items and activities within school.

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## Fundraising Event for Your Diary



**Halloween Disco 26th October 2023** - Tickets will be on sale soon from the school office. £2.50 ticket – drink & snacks included in ticket price

6.00-7.15pm - P1-P3

7.30-8.45pm - P4-P7



**Christmas Fayre 30th November 2023** - Fundraising Committee will have several tables at the school Christmas Fayre. We are always grateful for donations of home baking (or even shop bought cakes!) and Christmas chocolate treats. Look out for more details closer to the date!



**Children's Movie Night 7th December 2023** - We will have an evening of movies and popcorn for the children. They can wear their PJ's and bring their blankets to enjoy a movie night with their friends.



**Event on 8th February 2024** - We usually have a Valentine's Disco around this time but wondered if we should organise an alternative event for the kids. **Do you have a suggestion for something we can organise within the school on the evening of 8th February 2024 that the kids might enjoy?** Get in touch via the school Facebook page.



**Spring Coffee Morning 16th March 2024** - After this year's hugely successful coffee morning in March, we are planning another one for next year! We will have a children's tombola, games and cake stall. Make sure you save the date and join us for a coffee and cake! Again, we will be grateful for any donations of home baking (or even shop bought cakes!) children's tombola prizes and chocolate treats. Look out for more details closer to the date!



**Beach Party Disco 20th June 2024**

6.00-7.15pm - Nursery and P1-P3

7.30-8.45pm - P4-P7

£2.50 ticket – drink & snacks included in ticket price

We believe that the funds we raise for the school are integral to helping us grow and develop the children as they navigate their journey through Westfield Primary and Nursery.

We are always happy to have your support, practically and financially - in whatever way works for you. Also, **we would be interested to know of any niche skills our parent group have**, that we could make use of in future activities and initiatives.

**If you can help in anyway or have a suggestion**, reach out to Paula Cathcart or Donna Monaghan via the school Facebook page.

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## Helpful Information:

<b>Email Addresses</b>	
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General Enquiries:	<a href="mailto:enquiries-at-westfield@northlan.org.uk">enquiries-at-westfield@northlan.org.uk</a>
Parent Council:	<a href="mailto:Westfieldps21@gmail.com">Westfieldps21@gmail.com</a>
<b>Communications</b>	* All school information is via Email make sure your <b>email details are correct.</b>
App Details: (excludes nursery)	Download Groupcall Xpressions App it looks like this:  <b>Groupcall Xpressions</b> <small>Groupcall Limited</small> <small>★★★★★ 1.7 • 137 Ratings</small> <small>Free</small>
Facebook Page for Parents:	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/760033014190375">https://www.facebook.com/groups/760033014190375</a>
Twitter Page :	<a href="https://twitter.com/Westfield_PS">https://twitter.com/Westfield_PS</a>
School Blog:	<a href="https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/WestfieldWonders/">https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/WestfieldWonders/</a>
<b>Phone Numbers</b>	
School Phone Number:	01236 794 812
School Bus (SPT):	0141 333 3254
<b>Times</b>	
Breakfast Club Starts:	08:15
Start Time:	09:00
Morning Break Time:	10:30-10:45
Lunchtime :	12:15-13:00
School Ends:	15:00
<b>Pay for Things</b>	*contact Liz at the office for more details
IPayimpact Details:	<a href="https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/mgslp?Bref=NLC">https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/mgslp?Bref=NLC</a>
<b>Cost of Meals</b>	
P1-P5	Breakfast and Lunch Free
P6-P7	Breakfast Club: £1 , Lunch: £3.10 *check if you continue to get these free here: <a href="https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants">https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants</a>

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## 2023 School Holidays

### October 2023

October week: Monday 16 to Friday 20 October 2023 (inclusive)

### November 2023

In-service day: Monday 13 November

### December 2023 - January 2024

Schools close: Friday 22 December 2023 at 2.30pm

Christmas and New Year holidays: Monday 25 December 2023 - Friday 5 January 2024 (inclusive)

### February 2024

Mid-term break: Monday 12 February and Tuesday 13 February 2024

In-service day: Wednesday 14 February 2024

### April 2024

Schools close: Thursday 28 March 2024 at 2.30pm

Spring holiday (Easter): Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April 2024 (Inclusive)

- Good Friday 29 March
- Easter Monday 1 April 2024

### May 2024

In-service day: Thursday 2 May 2024 (to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but may be subject to change)

May holiday: Monday 6 May 2024

May weekend: Friday 24 May 2024 and Monday 27 May 2024 (inclusive)

### June 2024

Schools Close: Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 1pm

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