



# New Monkland Primary Parent Partnership Group

Date of meeting 23-Apr-2026

## In attendance

Niki Blackhall  
Zak Scotcher  
Elaine Campbell  
Lisa Rutherford  
Kristine Anderson  
Diane McIntyre  
Dionne Gibb  
Alison Black  
Cheryl Stewart  
Kelly McCulloch

## Apologies

Nadine Scotcher  
Hayley Watson  
Natasha Phee  
Lisa Massey  
Lisa Webster  
Christina Stewart  
Lesley Stevenson

## Welcome

Kristine welcomed the Parent Partnership members and thanked them for their time. Welcome to the AGM of the New Monkland parent partnership this meeting is earlier than usual but the decision was made to future proof the parent Partnership in a couple of ways,

- 1<sup>st</sup> being if one of the committee members is a P7 parent that will be leaving the group during the summer that they have a chance to do a handover of their position prior to them leaving
- 2<sup>nd</sup> being to allow the new/existing committee time to plan the events of the August to December term prior to the summer holidays and not be chasing their tails come September.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> allow the committee to select the dates for the meetings and events to submit to NLC in advance for the following year

## Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, proposed by Kristine Anderson and seconded by Zak Scotcher. There were no matters arising that were not already covered by the items on the agenda.



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## Update from the Chairperson

Kristine thanked everyone for the support everyone had given over the last 7 months. It has been an interesting 7 months, the aim when taking the post was to work with Mrs Reid and the pupil leadership team to guide us on what would benefit the school, the kids and enhance the learning environment. Then along with everyone that volunteered their time and skills we were able to do some great things. In the time as chair, we haven't had as many events as perhaps we would usually but feel everything we have done and all the contributions from everyone we, the whole parent partnership and wider family members, have done great, so this is the report of what we have achieved in the 7 months

- The PVGs which took a bit of time to get
- this meant the Halloween disco could not go ahead but the kids opted for a Halloween movie day which I have heard from numerous parents that the kids loved with the sweeties, drinks and decorations we provided along with the school facilitating the video and the time out of the day, it also gave responsibility to the P7 leadership team to give out the goodies and collect the money.
- We had 2 very successful Raffles, at the grandparent's day and at Christmas in the absence of a Christmas fayre, have to say a huge thank you for the donations of prizes they were excellent.
- Supplied 2 real Christmas trees for the school and nursery and decorations with The Real Santa visiting for the nursery and P1 parties
- We have planned and provided everything necessary as discussed for the P7 leavers inc, piper, decorations, day out experience, meal, hoodies and cakes
- The nursery graduation, we have provided the NMPS teddy bear which will be given out at graduation, graduation decorations, cupcakes
- Arranged for the decking and rear of the school to be pressure washed which was done at a great price with the help of a little advertising and a local company doing it heavily discounted for us and it looks amazing
- We were asked if we could do anything with the pallets the school had which Andrew kindly made into reading benches, tables and chairs.
- School funday -Booked the bouncy assault course for in the hall and Capocci ice cream van, which thanks again to connections we got for free
- Provided every child with selection boxes and easter eggs,
- In place of the butterfly kit that the leadership team requested they changed this and asked if we could supply the winner's gift for their talent show which we accommodated
- We have 2 members who have organised what is shaping up to be the event of the year with tickets sold out in record time, the 90s disco theme night in Airdrie Golf Club
- The world cup theme night in place of the shorts and shades disco still needs some organising.
- Applications are underway for the Playground grants the side playground quote for climbing frame is £26,000 so this is ongoing

So that shows just how much has been done in just 7 months, again it is all thanks to the contributions and time everyone has volunteered to make what has been a quick 7 months so successful. With all that in mind, if people put themselves forward or are nominated they will get a chance to speak before votes but would just like to say, the feeling is that we as a committee are just getting to grips with things and starting to put into place a plan for going forward to the next school year along with the fundraising and grant applications that have been started for the development of the playground.



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## Treasurers Report

Elaine's year as treasurer started back in September 2025 with funds of £4,541.01. (£4,278.94 bank + £262.07 petty cash).

Through the year we brought in a total of £2,460.40. The Grandparents Day raffle was a fantastic idea by Niki which brought in £646.20. The NL Lottery brings in a steady income of around £80 per month, possibly this could be advertised regularly to parents as not sure if everyone is aware of it. The Christmas raffle brought in £1,157.

Up to April this year £3,197.10 has been spent. The first events were the school open evening and Grand Parents Day where we provided tea, coffee and cakes. The costs for this were minimal at £35 as the cakes were very kindly made by members of the Parent Partnership.

At Halloween the kids opted for a movie day within the school since the disco could not go ahead. The Parent partnership supplied decorations, pumpkins and sweet bags for each child, the sweet bags were charged to kids at £1 to help cover some of the costs so in all £180.23 was spent on Halloween.

For Christmas all children were given a selection box, we also purchased new decorations for the Christmas Tree which was kindly donated and a new Santa suit was also purchased for Zak for the nursery and Primary 1 parties. Along with purchasing the raffle tickets cost £665.31.

At Easter all children were given an easter egg costing £216.50.

Throughout the year we have supplied the school with some essential items such as spare underwear for pupils and we also arranged and for the playground decking area to be pressure washed. It total this cost £318 over the year.

Plans have been made for the P7 leavers day. This has been our main cost for the year so far and something I think we should possibly look at for future years to see if the pupils can possibly do some fund raising to help cover some of the costs. At the moment the Riddle Rooms, leaver hoodies and pens have been paid for totalling £1,192, still to be paid for is the meal, train tickets and cupcakes which will cost around another £1,000 (meal £500, train £350).

Plans are also in place for the summer fun day, luckily Capocci's are bringing an ice cream van along and providing all pupils and teachers with a handy tub free of charge.

We have also booked an inflatable assault course with 50% deposit of £138.58 already paid.

Finally, £243 has been paid for bears to welcome our new Primary 1 starters on their final transition day in May, with cupcakes also going to be provided.

In summary we close the year to April with £3,804.31 (£2,576.42 bank + £1,227.89 petty cash), being £736.70 down. Considering the restrictions with holding events to raise funds this was to be expected and moving into next year with some events already planned such as the Ladies Day and World cup fun day this should help to boost funds again, to continue to allow the Parent Partnership to support the school and pupils as best we can.



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## Election of Board Members

First a little video that's been put together to promote the parent partnership and encourage engagement. The process was explained of how the election works then take each position separately asking for any nominations or self-nominations for any positions. No names were put forward so the current committee put their names forward again. This was nominated by Alison and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl.

- Chair Person – Kristine Anderson
- Vice Chair – Niki Blackhall
- Treasurer – Elaine Campbell
- Secretary – Zak Scotcher

## Agreement of Future Meeting Dates

Proposed that we move the days from Thursday only to other days of the week to ensure that others can attend the meetings. Dates below proposed and no votes against.

- 2nd September (Wednesday)
- 26th November (Thursday)
- 1st March (Monday)
- 1st June Tuesday

## Possible Events Next Year (2026/2027)/Fundraising

- Tea and coffee day for new P1 parents
- Ladies 90s night
- Football festival – 28<sup>th</sup> May
- Sponsored NMPS does Tinto
- Community Lottery needs advertising
- Summer festival – April?
- Highland games either at school or run a trip to one maybe sports centre
  - Get active schools involved
  - Ask parent forum if they have any contacts
- Highland show (elaine?)
- Go Fund me for Playground Funding
- Snowball Disco in Jan?
- 5<sup>th</sup> October is World Teacher Day
  - Give back to teachers
  - Dress as your Teacher
- Enquire about parents' skills or contacts
  - Create a questionnaire



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## AOB

- The PPG have been asked to attend various days to talk to meet with parents / carers and children and Kristine will manage this.

## Date of Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be held 2<sup>nd</sup> September (Wednesday) in the school 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

## Summary of Action Points

- PPG Committee to attend various days to talk to meet with parents / carers and children to talk about the PPG
- Questionnaire to be created for feedback from the parent forum regarding skills and contacts
- Football Festival to be organised for 28<sup>th</sup> May

Kind Regards,

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