

PCA AGM

Ravenswood Primary School – at St Marys

6:00pm – 7:00pm Thursday 4th September 2025

1. Present – Pamela Chisholm, Aimee Connelly, Michelle Gartshore, Rhona Hawthorn, Lisa MacAskill, Catherine McLeod, Susan Preen, Karen Reid, Nicole Rodger, Lindsey Sims, Molly O’Shea

Apologies – Nicole Kerr

1. Election of new members and roles

Chair – Nicole Rodger, Treasurer – Michelle Gartshore, Secretary – Catherine McLeod

Confirmed details of all current members together with the designated officer bearers will be sent to Catherine Sweeney.

* Ravenswood Primary Constitution 2025-2026
* Ravenswood Primary Code of Conduct 2025-2026

Both documents were ratified and will be sent to Catherine Sweeney.

1. Head Teacher’s Report

* Welcome and thanks
* Staffing
* PEF Spend
* AIP
* Community links
* School trips

A huge thanks to everyone for attending the AGM, the school would not thrive without the support of parents/carers. We warmly welcome all supporters and are looking forward to the remainder of the school year. I would also like to express my gratitude for the patience and understanding for the exceptional circumstances we find our school in this year. I am grateful that our school has remained in the community and know it will be a successful year with teamwork and gratitude.

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Staffing

Our school staffing this session is larger than previous school years as the council have taken cognisance of the decant and the strain this can put on communities. We have 8 classes this session with only 1 composite. Forest school, quality Physical Education, academic interventions for maths and literacy as well as team teaching opportunities will be offered this session providing no impact from staff absence.

PEF

The Pupil Equity Fund is awarded to schools from the Scottish Government. Our school is grateful to receive roughly £52, 000. The government has only committed this money until April 2026. This year we have spent the full amount on staff. I am delighted to have secured Heather Phillips for another school year using this fund.

AIP

Our AIP has been shared with parents/carers and pupils. Pupils are supporting Rhona Hawthorn HT to draft a friendly version of the priorities – Learning Teaching and Assessment, Raising Attainment.

Community Links

Reaching out for playground loose parts. We have had some success on Facebook Market Place and have purchased some playground toys.

Keen on using B&Q and Tesco in hopes for some freebies.

* Tape measures
* Guttering
* Planks of wood
* Cable drums
* Pallets
* Crates
* Rope

School Trips

Primary 5 have already started planning for their learning excursion related to their IDL topic. The cost seems higher for trips now due to transport. In the past some trips have been subsidised with PEF however this is not an option. The cost per child for those investigated so far is £14. This is the same for other schools that we have conversed with and some from other councils too. We are keen for trips to continue but wanted to get some feedback from the parent/carer body.

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1. Chairperson’s Report

The PCA would like to say thank you to ALL the Ravenswood staff, pupils, parents & carers for all your support over the last year. You helped us raise a phenomenal £7,996.89 for the school! Teamwork makes the dream work.

The funds were raised in a variety of ways, listed below:

Meet the teacher £68.80

Taylore swift £948

Asda cashpot for schools £698.24

Halloween disco £579.40

Christmas fayre £1,863.74

Christmas shows £275.07

Christmas service £94

Progress conference Jan £61

Wrestling event £506.51

Easter service & discos £537.75

Progress conference May £105.80

Summer fayre £1,123.26

Summer disco £534.70

Summer show £355.35

Celebration of achievement £57.60

P7 Leavers Service £42.10

Easyfundraising £145.57

Total £7,996.89

With the funds raised the PCA donated and contributed towards:

30 football kits

P5 swimming lessons

P7 leavers hoodies

World book day costumes

Christmas sweet cone & decorations for all children

All fundraising activities would not be possible without the PCA members (and their extended families) giving up their time & putting so much effort in to making the PCA what it so a HUGE thank you to you all.

A special mention to Katie & Pamela who are leaving the PCA this year & have put years of hard work & support in to the school, thank you for all your help, you will be missed.

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This will be my last meeting as Chair of the PCA and I’d like to thank everyone for your help & friendship over the years. I’ve genuinely enjoyed helping to fundraise as much as we can for the children ensuring they have fun & as many sweets as possible along the way.

I have no doubt the PCA will continue to grow from strength to strength and the children of Ravenswood Primary are lucky to have such enthusiastic and helpful parents supporting the school community.

Connect Membership

PVG’s have been requested and the new members will be sent

1. Treasurer’s Report

Bank balance - £9,397.85

£51.46 Easyfundraising

Paypal will no longer be used

Sumup card purchased

1. Fundraising

Thursday 23rd Oct – Halloween discos (date tbc)

Friday 24th Oct – Kpop fundraising night, deposit is paid (date tbc)

Thursday 27th Nov - Christmas fayre

1. AOCB

Hoodies will be sent to P7 for colour/sizing selection

P7 residential will be in Fordell Firs and looking for a Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Request for Health & Safety team to do a risk assessment with parking again. Councillor requests have been put in for a traffic control warden.

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1. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed, will be online via Teams