



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT PARENT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SAINT BRENDAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLASS

Thursday 8th September 2022, 6pm

With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions during session 2021/22, Parent Council meetings returned to being in person in the school. This has been a great opportunity for parents to view excellent resources like the Digital Den and the Vision, Values and Aims display in the entrance area. Also, reassuring to see first-hand the safe and welcoming environment that staff have worked hard to create for our children.

Many discussions took place regarding school uniform. Research was carried out to look at different suppliers and consider pros/cons. This resulted in an informative newsletter being sent to parents to provide information and options to help reduce uniform costs. Parents had the option to pre-order uniform in the school at a discounted rate. The Parent Council have also stressed their support of the clothing bank in the school and how this supports the Eco schools agenda.

The Parent Council have continued to raise concerns about pupil safety as a result of parking and traffic around the school with North Lanarkshire Council. Although a solution is yet to be found; the Parent Council continues to be active in further pushing this agenda to ensure the safety of our children.

An evaluation session took place where we considered the question: How good is our parent council? Many strengths were identified – particularly, the sharing of responsibilities between members and the excellent partnership working with the school. Importantly, several 'next steps' have been identified for session 2022/23. For example, improved communication with the Parent Forum and more discussion about nursery priorities. Discussions have started on a social media strategy and it is hoped this will help to improve communication in the year ahead.

The detailed Head Teacher reports provided at meetings ensures that key information about school improvement priorities and staffing are shared with parents. The Parent Council has been consulted on a wide range of issues like the School Improvement Plan and Pupil Equity Fund spending.

Overall, 2021/22 continued to be a year where the Parent Council worked in partnership with the school and Parish to ensure the best decisions for the children were made.

D.Matthewman, Chairperson.