



St Brendan's
Primary School and Nursery
45 Barons Road
Motherwell
ML1 2NB

Parents
Council
Meeting

Date : **28/04/26**

Time : **18.00**

Meeting chaired by: Lisa Hewitt

Distribution of Minutes:

All attendees
Catherine Sweeney
Motherwell Cllrs

Attendees:

- Mrs Oates (HT)
- Lisa Hewitt (Chair)
- Mrs Colton (PT)
- Louise Curley
- Chloe Robertson
- Collette Feeney
- Kate Anderson
- Amy Burns
- Donna Matthewman
- Councillor Kenneth Duffy

Apologies:

- Kirsty Middleton



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1. Welcome

Lisa welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance

2. Review of previous actions

The parent council group are going to create a profile to highlight the work of the parent council and what they have enjoyed about being members of the parent council, which will then be shared with the parents and carers of St Brendan's on the school blog. An updated photo of members will be taken in August and will be attached to this profile.

Discussions took place on homework and the previous feedback from parents/carers and staff members. Mrs Oates wants to find a balanced solution on how homework will look for the children of St Brendan's moving forward. An idea of a lower and upper school homework approach was discussed.

A fundraising calendar will be created for the new term in August. Miss Burns and two members of the Fundraising committee will work together on this.

The logistics of the P5 Swimming lessons have been difficult because of staffing and the two groups going back-to-back. The parent council would like to thank all staff for the work they have done to support this and to ensure the young people of P5 get to experience this opportunity.

3. Criterion Led Selection Training Course

Lisa & Collete will attend this training on **Thursday 14/5/26**

4. MIYO

Lisa is going to contact MIYO to arrange a day where they can visit St Brendan's for sizing opportunities for the new term. Mrs Oates put forward Tuesday the 2nd of June from 1.30pm-5.30pm as a possible date and time as this also links in with one of the P1 Induction days. Lisa will also enquire about a discount for all orders placed at this event.

5. Fundraising Group Update

£500 was raised from the Family Fun Night at St Patricks Hall. It was a successful night, enjoyed by all the families who attended. A huge thanks to all the fundraising committee for all their hard work and efforts to make this event a success. Kate spoke about some ideas for the new term to raise funds for the school. An invitation will be sent to the new P1's to attend the Summer Disco in June. Kate also shared that there is currently just over £4000 in the fundraising account.

6. HT Update



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The children have been enjoying the new PE equipment and Maths resources this term.

The Reconciliation was a beautiful evening for Primary 3. A huge thank you to all staff involved in the preparations for this special event.

Primary 7 Residential- The Inverclyde residential are no longer able to offer Castle Semple as a whole package therefore Mrs Oates and the staff have been looking at other options for the P7 Residential for 2027. Sports Scotland offered a Millport day trip instead of Water Sports at Castle Semple, which is being considered. The whole experience at Inverclyde was loved by the school during their visit before the end of term. The staff were really impressed with the food choices this year. Mrs Oates must decide for the 2027 trip soon, so their place is secure. P6 parents will meet with Mrs Oates before the end of June to discuss the details for this trip next year.

Lenten Fundraising total is still being counted.

There are 29 Primary One pupils starting St Brendan's in August. This included 11 placing requests.

Parents night had a 93% attendance and almost everyone is now signed up for Parent Portal.

All pupils and staff are working hard on preparing for the summer show, which is taking place in June.

Miss Waldron is covering Mrs Kennedy's maternity leave in Primary one and Mrs McDermid is now working full time.

It's likely that there will be 10 classes next term.

Congratulations to Mr Bradley and the P6 group who won the Euro Quiz. They will be attending the final in Edinburgh. Congratulations to the dance group who came 1st in the recent dance competition! Cross Country heats are taking place this week too.

The school have been invited to say the Rosary at Carfin Grotto on Thursday the 28th of May at 8pm. All welcome to attend this lovely occasion as the children pray the Rosary together during the month of May. This year there are 21 First Communicants and 25 young people receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

7. AOCB

Great feedback from the wellbeing survey. Some examples,

90% said "My child has settled well" and 100% said "My child feels safe

Action list



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Action	Who
Parent Council Profile	All members of Parent Council
Criterion Led Selection Training Course	Lisa & Collette
Fundraising Calendar to be created for Aug	Led by Miss Burns
Contact MIYO to see if they can offer another discounted uniform day/evening in the school before the end of June	Lisa Hewitt