



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

Parents
Council
Meeting

Date : 2/6/26

Time : 18.00

Meeting chaired by: Lisa Hewitt

Distribution of Minutes:

All attendees
Catherine Sweeney
Motherwell Cllrs

Attendees:

- Mrs Oates (HT)
- Lisa Hewitt (Chair)
- Miss Burns (PT)
- Louise Curley
- Chloe Robertson
- Collette Feeney
- Donna Matthewman
- Kirsty Middleton

Apologies:

- Kate Anderson
- Amy Burns



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1. Welcome

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

2. Review of previous actions

Lisa and Collette attended the criterion Led Selection Training course.

Miss Burns has started looking at different months where fundraising events occur across the whole school and will share these with the Fundraising Committee, to then create a Fundraising Calendar for August.

MIYO attended the P1 Induction Day on the 2/6 and offered 10% discount on orders. The 10% discount code will be shared on Parent Portal.

3. Thank you to staff

Lisa thanked Mrs Oates and all staff for their continued hard work, effort and dedication to the children of St Brendan's.

Lisa also wanted to thank Mrs Oates and all staff who were involved in the preparations for the Sacraments. The First Holy Communion at the weekend was a beautiful celebration.

4. HT Update

P1 Induction went well. All new P1 children had 3 visits to St Brendan's including participating in the St Andrews Hospice Teddy Bears Picnic. In August there will be a Primary 1 class and a Primary 2/1 class.

The Rosary at Carfin Grotto went very well last Thursday evening and was attended by lots of children and their families.

Bishop Toal's visited St Brendan's last week, and the Mini Vinnie's went on Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto. Both experiences were enjoyed by the children.

The Sacrament of Confirmation takes place on Thursday.

The whole school will visit Blairdrummand Safari Park on the last Monday before the end of term.

Tickets have been selling well for the Summer School Show! More tickets will be available to purchase on Friday the 5th of June.

SNASA results were very good! Lots of children in P4 & P7 scored particularly well in Maths. Mrs Oates is really happy with the interventions put in place and are seeing positive results.



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Next year the school are looking at attainment with a particular focus on grammar. The school have been invited to a literacy pilot with North Lanarkshire council. In the new term the school will also be looking at handwriting. Mrs Oates spoke to the parent council about some possible financial support from the parent council so that the staff can take part in training to move forward with this.

This year the school took part in a practitioner enquiry on pacing and what impacts pacing. This was audited across the school day. Model lesson plans have been created to help with pacing, which include brain breaks and a variety of other techniques.

This year there has been a focus on creativity in the curriculum, which will continue into the new term. St Brendan's are exploring how play based and enquiry-based learning are allowing children to engage and understand creativity.

The schools 'Gold Rights Respecting Schools' is up for renewal in the new term.

5. AOCB

The parent council said goodbye and a huge thank you to Mrs Matthewman for her time with the parent council. Mrs Matthewman has been part of the parent council for 7 years, and will now be leaving as her daughter moves into S1.

Action List	Who
Parent Council Profile	All members of Parent Council
Fundraising Calendar to be created for August	Led by Miss Burns & members of the Fundraising Committee