



Taylor High School

Parent Council 2025-26

Update

A note from our Parent Council

School Prayer:

God Our Father, Guide us through each day, Give us the strength to do Your will, Help us to work together, To serve our school, our home & our parish, Give us the Gift of Faith to live our school motto – “Que tout soit pour Dieu”, We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Your parent council has been busy of the last few months attending school events and supporting the school with additional needs that fall outside of the day-2-day budget. At the start of the year, we arranged for a container to be purchased for storage. It quickly became apparent that while large and certainly created much needed valuable learning space inside the school, the container was just not big enough to clear the assembly and gym halls in their entirety. We therefore agreed to purchase a second container which arrived very quickly and clear the rest of the space. The two containers together cost approximately £3000 and this is simply not money that was available in the school budget. It is only with your continued support and attendance at events or donations that we can continue to support the school in this way. An example of how this is achieved is the amazing generosity and support at the Celebrating Success Evening back on the 18th September when we ran a raffle. Having a card reader was a great addition to this activity and we thank Mr Russell for arranging access for us, that one event raised just over £350 and we hope all of the lucky winners enjoyed their prizes. We have had the pleasure of also attending the Christmas Fayre, Christmas Concert Evening and got pre-view of the school decorated for the Snowball. We were blown away by the display of talent at the school concert and thank the music department for all of their hard work and dedication to our children to put on this performance. The decorations for this years Snowball were above and beyond and again; this would not be possible without the work from our schools' teachers to provide these experiences for our children.

We have made a slight change to the original engagement that we had planned and have decided to cancel the quiz night in favour of running a bigger activity in June. The proposal is to run a school Summer Fayre and Car Boot on Saturday 13th June before Scotland's first came in the World Cup in the early hours of Sunday 14th June. There is currently a live poll on Facebook, and we would appreciate your feedback, either their or via the school office or our own email pctaylorhighschool@northlanarkshire.npfs.org.uk as to whether this is an event you would like to see run and would support in attendance.

As a group we do continue to engage with the school on a monthly basis (dates can be found on page 3). These meetings usually run for 90minutes, and we have recently introduced the ability to join via teams. We love to welcome new members and invite you all to attend as little or as often as you like. Advance reminders of upcoming meetings will be on the Facebook page and school newsletter. During engagement with the school, we cover a range of topics: attendance, attainment, health & well being, social inclusion, work experience, NET ministers, school transport and parking. We also engage with NLC Education team via parent consultations groups meaning that we have an opportunity to feed into conversations at local council level as well as school level to ensure your voice is heard.

We look forward to working together to support our school and children. Your involvement and support are invaluable to our school community. Together, we can make a significant impact and ensure that Taylor High continues to thrive and provide the best opportunities for our children.

I encourage each of you to consider joining the Parent Council and contributing your unique perspectives and talents. Let's work together to embody the values of Compassion, Ambition, Respect, and Encouragement in everything we do.

Chair: *Marney Dunn (prev. Morgan)*

Vice-Chair: *Elaine Haldane*

Compassion:

We strive to create a supportive and understanding environment for all students and parents. Our fundraising efforts reflect our commitment to ensuring every child has access to the best opportunities.

Ambition:

Our goal is to continuously improve and enhance the school's facilities and resources. By working together, we aim to achieve great things for our school community. ensuring every child has access to the best opportunities.

Respect:

We value the opinions and contributions of all parents and work collaboratively with the SLT to represent your views. Respect is at the core of our interactions and decision-making processes.

Encouragement:

We encourage active participation from parents in the council and in school activities. Your involvement is crucial in fostering a positive and thriving school environment.



Positive discussions continue with regards to upgrading the school theatre space. Old rigging has been removed, and the intention is to reopen this as an active learning space seeing the eventual return of the much previously loved school drama productions.



Windows 11 upgrade equipment has been sourced, providing access to laptops and iPad across the school to support digital learning

We continue to support the school football teams with referee fees, kit, equipment and busses for away games.



Two storage containers:
Ask: Clear Assembly / Theatre and Gym hall of desks and chairs needed for exams.
Result: A clear and open space for improved learning experience



How should we best communicate with our school community?

As a parent council we have our own email address for any enquiries, issues or concerns that you wish to discuss:
pctaylorhighschool@northlanarkshire.npfs.org.uk

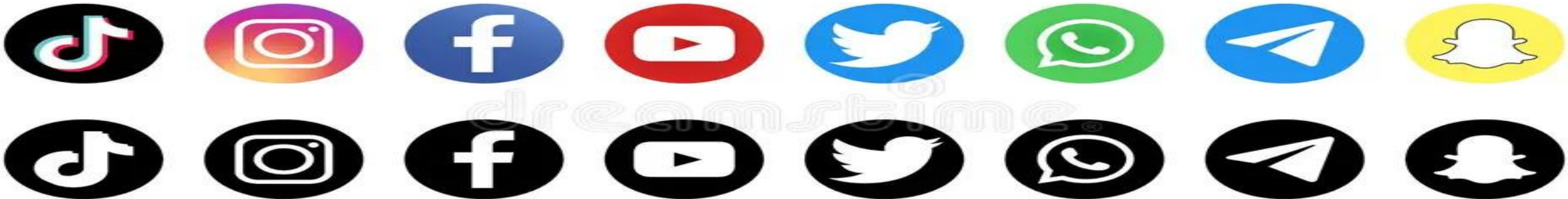
For more generic or short updates we introduced a Facebook page in 2023 which is open to all Taylor High Community (Mums, Dads, Careers, Aunties, Uncles, Grandparents etc...) Historically we have used email and school bulletins. Last year we introduced the use of Facebook ‘**Taylor High Parent Council**’

We also advertise school events across the community using the various catchment community council and ‘What's On’ pages (Newarthill, Motherwell, New Stevenson, Cleland etc...)

The school run a weekly newsletter, and we have recently changed our publish constitution to commit to publishing our monthly meetings in the school newsletter to enable access across the school community.

But is this our best method of communicating? What are we missing? We want to ensure you don’t miss out. So we would seek your engagement with what platforms we should be accessing to ensure our school’s message is heard? Instagram, WhatsApp, TikTok?

Please let us know, in person, through the school office, email or Facebook.

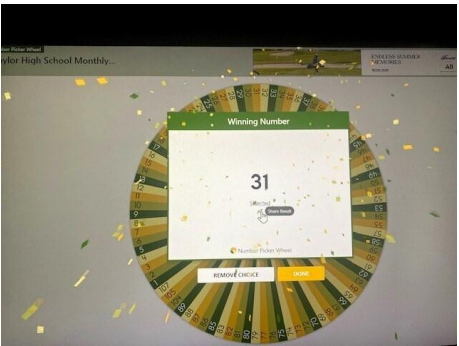
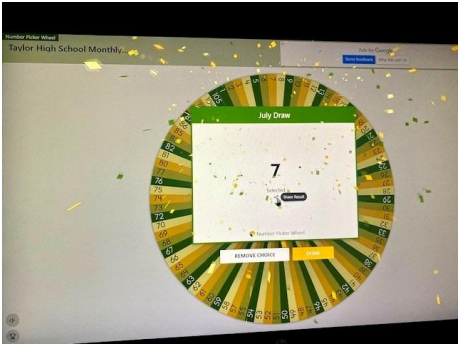
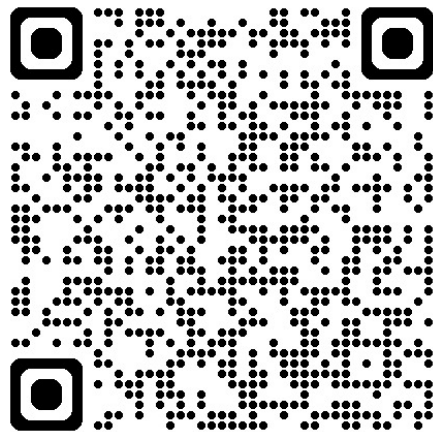


Sign Up to Bonus Ball

Please send your completed application form to the Taylor High School Parent Council email address:

thsmonthlydraw@gmail.com

or Scan the QR code below



BONUS BALL SIGN UP

Name

Email Address

Telephone

Please tell us how many numbers you'd like to play each month.
You can play multiple entries at a cost of £3 per monty per play

No. of Entries

Winners will be notified by email / text after the draw. The winning number will also be shared via the school newsletter/Twitter etc. If you do not want, you name published as the winner please let us know

Winner

I do / do not* wish my name to be published in the event my unique draw number is selected as the winning number.

*Delete as appropriate

Join Your Parent Council

A Parent Council for Taylor High School has been established for many years in accordance with the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006. Its objectives are to:

- Promote partnership between the school, its pupils, all its parents and the Catholic Church
- To ensure that all pupils develop their full potential leading to their lifelong activities being guided by the Holy Spirit and the presence of Christ in the service of God and others
- To work in partnership with the school to create a welcoming community which is inclusive for all parents
- To develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of all pupils
- To identify and represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Parent Council, complete and return the attached to the school office or email with details to the Parent Council email pctaylorhighschool@northlanarkshire.npfs.org.uk.

Please note that if the number of interested parents exceeds the number of places available then members will be decided by drawing lots. If you can not participate in the Parent Council but would like to be involved in the life and work of the school, please use the same form to indicate your interest.

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Taylor High School Parent Council – Reply Slip

I would like to express my interest in becoming a member of Taylor High School Parent Council.
I am the parent / guardian of a child / children currently attending the school

Child’s Name / Year group: _____

Parent’s Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Signature & Date: _____

