

# Blackford Primary Parent Council meeting

## 4th November 2025 6.30pm

Present	Apologies
Jackie Hallyburton     Charlotte	
John Simpson	
Ms Laura Fowler (HT)	
Linzie Ellis	
Claire Salmoni	
Angela Reid	
Nikole Wright-Robson	

	Subject	Action by
1.	<p>Linzie welcomed those in attendance.</p> <p>Apologies none</p>	
1a .	<p><b>Quorum:</b> The revised constitution is now in force therefore a quorum is 3. As more than three people in attendance the meeting proceeded.</p>	

2.	<p><b>Head Teachers Report:</b></p> <p><b>Blackford PS November 25 Parent Council Update</b></p> <p><b>Staffing &amp; School Operations</b></p> <p><b>Recruitment in place for 3 posts – interviews next week</b></p> <p><b>Fabulous support from Supply staff including some new members</b></p> <p><b>Continued focus on staff wellbeing, work balance and building capacity – in service training</b></p> <p><b>focused around areas of our school improvement plan</b></p> <p><b>Learning &amp; Teaching</b></p> <p><b>P6 and P7 groups progressing well, with top set working confidently at Third Level.</b></p> <p><b>Emphasis on literacy and numeracy interventions across stages.</b></p> <p><b>School improvement projects in numeracy and reading are underway with successful reading</b></p> <p><b>workshop for P1 held last night. Reading for Enjoyment café across the school (p1-3 parents</b></p> <p><b>will be invited in) planned for later this month.</b></p> <p><b>Pupil Voice &amp; Leadership</b></p> <p><b>House Captains and Pupil Council active in planning school events.</b></p> <p><b>P7 pupils supported the organisation of the Halloween disco P7 hoodies – children were consulted in the colour and design - £216</b></p> <p><b>Wider Achievements/ Learning experiences</b></p> <p><b>Forest schools has started for p3/4/5</b></p> <p><b>Sports leaders training commenced for P6/7 to enable more pupil lead sports clubs in school</b></p>	
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**YMI ukelele is going down a storm**  
**Panto**  
**Parent Engagement**  
**Reports have just been sent out**  
**Parent consultations happen next week**  
**Posts on Learning Journals continue to provide valuable updates**  
**for parents to engage with**  
**their child's learning. New invoice- £350**  
**Positive feedback from recent reading workshop**  
**Book week 'Books, bears and Biscuits' event 19 th Nov – P1,2,3**  
**parents invited in**  
**Christmas Event planned for end of term as well as Christmas**  
**Service Dates for diaries**  
**4th Nov 630pm: Parent Council Meeting, MS Teams**  
**7th Nov: Flu immunisations**  
**10th and 11th Nov 330pm- 5pm approx. : Learning Review**  
**Conversations with parent/carers**

**10 th , 11 th , 12th Nov: P6/7 Bikeability**  
**13th and 14th Nov: Inservice Days**  
**19 th Nov - Book week 'Books, bears and Biscuits' reading event 28th**  
**Nov: Community Singalong, Blackford Parish Church 5th Dec 930am:**  
**P3/4/5 Assembly, parent/carers are invited in to hear all about P3/4/5**  
**learning**  
**16th December – Christmas Panto at Perth Horse Cross TheatrePupils**  
**will attend during the**  
**usual school day.**  
**18th December, 6.00–7.00pm – Christmas Concert All parents and**  
**carers are warmly invited**  
**to join us at Blackford Parish Church.**  
**22nd December – Christmas Parties will take place throughout the**  
**day for all classes.**  
**23rd December**  
**o 11.30am–12.00pm – Christmas Service at Blackford Parish**  
**Church Parents and carers are welcome to attend.**  
**o 12.00pm – End of Term**  
**Please collect your children from Blackford Parish Church.**

4.	<p><b>Fundraising:</b></p> <p>Linzie advised that all IQ resources have been gathered and sent back to IQ headquarters on the 30th of October this was received by iq on the 3rd of November and online orders for parents should be set up soon.</p> <p>the money the parent council receives from IQ is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12xA6 cards we receive £1.25 of sale</li><li>24xa6 cards-£1.75</li><li>36xa6 cards-£2.25</li><li>16xa6 postcards-£0.75</li><li>20xsticky gift labels- £0.75</li><li>a5 notebook-£1.25</li><li>Mug-£1.25</li><li>tea towel-£1.25</li><li>magnet-£0.75</li><li>keyring-£0.75</li><li>Cushion cover-£1.25</li><li>coaster-£0.75</li></ul> <p>Jackie asked about spring tea towels Linzie is currently vetting a company that can provide this service.</p> <p>Mrs Fowler inquired about a real tree donation due to Nikoles connection she will be looking into this matter.</p>	

	<p>also to be looked into is a lend or buying of a santa suit. A donation of 50 selection boxes either partly or fully funded by the parent council was suggested to ask Zed if he could get us a whole sale price for this.</p> <p>Christmas raffle preparations are in full swing and numerous prizes from local businesses have already been donated.</p> <p>Each household will receive tickets to sell via school bags and be given more on request. Once tickets are sold both ticket stubs and money will be handed back into the school no later than the 12th of December in order to enter the draw.</p> <p>The cost of tickets will be £25 per 1000 the parent council have decided 20000 should be ordered at £50 potaged still to be determined. Linzie will be looking to order these by Friday the 7th of November.</p> <p>These once again will be drawn at the christmas school concert on the 18th of December.</p>	
5.	<p>AOB- funds for panto bus have been received for the school. disclosure Scotland have received both Angela and Linzies applications and now Claire has been appointed Secretary the paperwork for her application will begin. Disclosure Scotland is now mandatory for all roles in parent councils.</p> <p>Angela asked if Linzie and Claire would be willing to fill out forms to become signatories for the parent council bank account. Both agreed.</p> <p>Christmas concert date is confirmed as the 18th of December 2025 6pm-7pm held at Backford church.</p>	

6.	<p><b>Fundraising Update:</b></p> <p>IQ parcel (christmas art fundraiser) has arrived at the school Ms Fowler was unaware but has invited Linzie down to have a look at the contents. Linzie informed that the art is due back to IQ by the 10th of October</p> <p>The church Christmas market was discussed Angela felt that a table inside would be preferred this time due to dark and cold weather. If we are invited back an inside table would be required to participate.</p> <p>Christmas raffle prizes will be discussed at the upcoming AGM in November</p>	
7.	<p>Treasurer account</p> <p>Cash in back from last meeting £3030.03</p> <p>Income PKC admin budget £389</p> <p>Expenditure Bank charges £8.50 Panto buses £500 PKC licensing fee £20</p> <p>Total in bank £2890.53</p> <p>Sent £1316 to school account as agreed at meeting. Still have forest school Invoice to pay once sessions complete.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p><b>24th of February 2026 at 6.30pm</b></p>	