

Inchinnan Primary School

Parent Council News

A very warm welcome to our first update for the 2021/2022 school term. Please take a moment to read about our aims, what we have worked on over the past year, and our ongoing efforts to support the school.



What do we do?

The Parent Council is a small group of parents or carers of pupils at Inchinnan Primary School who meet approximately every eight weeks, or as required. Unfortunately due to the pandemic we have been unable to meet in person, however our meetings have taken place on Teams, which has allowed more parents to attend virtually.

Our Headteacher, Mrs McGlynn acts as an advisor to the Parent Council and we aim to support the school in its work to improve the education and welfare of our children. We work in partnership and with the school and local community, encouraging links and promoting parental involvement, representing parental views and fundraising.

Our constitution is currently being updated after a review at our meeting held in June, 2021, where it was agreed this was outdated and needed work. The new version will be issued soon for the parent forum to agree these changes. The existing constitution can be found on the school website along with the minutes of previous meetings.

News

The past two academic sessions have been very different for all of us. Our normal fundraising events such as movie nights, discos and the Christmas Fayre have not been able to take place and fundraising options have been limited. Luckily we have continued to raise funds each month from our successful monthly bonus balls.

During the 20/21 session, we purchased playground equipment for each class to enjoy during outdoor play. This included football goals, basketball nets and balls. Each class was given individual play boxes to add to their fun. As we do each year, we purchased ties for the new P1s and for each P7 leaver as they moved on to secondary school. As an alternative to a contribution to the usual P7 residential trip, we purchased leavers hoodies.

For the start of this new session we purchased new reading materials and outdoor planters. We have also just completed the order for the Christmas cards that each child has designed.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We agreed to delay the AGM in the hope that this meeting can be held in person. The date for our AGM is Tuesday, 1 February, 2022 at 6pm and we will communicate where this will be held nearer the time when we have a better idea of what restrictions will be in place. Nominations for positions and class representatives should be submitted by email to inchinnan@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk by Monday, 10 January, 2022.

current Parent Council Members

Chair Fiona Walker
(p3 & p7 parent)

Vice-Chair - Kevin
Ward (p5 parent)

Treasurer - Stephen
Russell (p4 parent)

Secretary - Lisa
Arnott (p5 parent)

Parent members -
Lynne Black (p4)

Claire Dickson (p3 &
p5)

Staff members -

Mrs McGlynn (HT)

Mrs Hunter (PT)

Mrs Hamill

Please join us!

The current Parent Council has a small number of members and are all volunteers who have busy jobs and our own personal commitments. We would encourage other parents to become involved so please let us know if you are willing to help. You will be made very welcome. Please don't worry, you will not be put on the spot, but your input is important and if you can help us in any way, that would be great.

We will advertise any meetings in advance through the school and through social media.

Dealing with issues

The school has an open communication policy and offers several ways to get in touch. Please contact the school directly in the first instance if you have any concerns, issues or queries. However, if there is something that you wish the Parent Council to raise, please contact us. During the past few years we have represented the parent forum in issues concerning the new gym hall, parking, active schools and school meals.

Please be aware that we deal with general issues and cannot deal with individual matters. For any individual issues we would always recommend that you contact the school directly as that is always the best way to resolve matters swiftly.

Contact us - new email address

If you want to get in touch, please email us at inchinnan@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk We will respond as soon as we can to any emails received, but please allow us up to seven days to do this.

Parent Council information is also posted on the school website, so please make sure you are signed up for updates - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/inchinnan/>

Facebook - Please like Inchinnan Primary Parent Info Page to keep updated on our news

Fundraising - any ideas?

The two bonus balls still allow us to continue fundraising for the pupils, while parents also get the chance of winning £150 each month from each one. We have a small amount of numbers available, so please get in touch if you would like to join or for us to provide more information. The monthly cost is £5.

We are also looking into how we can raise further funds for the school and we would welcome any ideas.

