



Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Parent Council**

The Parent Council AGM took place on Thursday 30th September. The minutes from the meeting will be uploaded to the school website for your information. The Parent Council Committee members going forward will be

- Amanda Hynd – Chair
- Pamela Yule – Vice Chair
- Sarah Barry – Treasurer
- Catherine Macklon – Secretary

Remember the Parent Council are always happy to communicate suggestions, questions, or concerns from parents/carers to the school. We want to support the staff of Kilbarchan Primary to make the school the best it can be! If any parent or carer would be interested in joining our parent council Secretary, please contact [Kilbarchan.ParentCouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:Kilbarchan.ParentCouncil@yahoo.com)

### **Date of next meeting: 21st October 2021 at 7pm**

If you would be interested in attending, please contact the school office who will email you a Teams meeting link.

Lastly a very big thank you to our outgoing Parent Council members Donna McShane and Iain Gardner for giving up their own time to be a part of our Parent Council which in turn benefited both the school and pupils greatly.

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### **Retiral**

It is with great sadness that I announce the retiral of Mrs Linda Harvey, Senior Clerical Officer within the school. I must note that this is an 'early' retirement for Mrs Harvey, otherwise she will be very upset with me!

Mrs Harvey is a central figure in the life of our school and will be deeply missed by pupils, staff, and families. She will finish up at the school at the end of the year, just as we stop for the Christmas holidays. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Harvey a fun filled and enjoyable retiral after the many years of dedicated service she has given the school.

### **Google Classrooms**

Can I remind families that login details for Google Classrooms are for pupils to access teaching and learning resources? Should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's progress or clarify information, please contact the school directly, either through our enquiries email or by giving us a call. This process ensures that we direct your enquiry appropriately.

[kilbarchanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:kilbarchanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk) or 0300 300 0163

### **Outdoor Learning Plans**

We continue to liaise with the company hired to complete the works at the front of the school however resources have proved challenging to acquire. It is hope that the initial stage will take place either during the October Week or just after.

Once this section of work has been completed, we will move on the ground at the rear of the building. The plans for this section will be decided in collaboration with our pupils as their voice is central to the improvements made to our school community and environment.

We want you to know how important our Outdoor Learning provision is at Kilbarchan Primary and so if anyone is able to help and/or support us on this journey, please get in touch!

### **School Values and Capacities**

As you know, our values and the capacities we develop in our pupils are incredibly important to us. Today, we celebrated our value of being SUPPORTIVE and the capacity of becoming a RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN during our assembly. It is wonderful to share the wider achievements of our pupils, recognising the hard work and effort they have displayed in putting our values into action.

### **Family Learning**

The next session will focus on our new writing programme, The Write Stuff, and will be hosted by myself and Mrs Zych, our Literacy Champion. I previously put forward tentative dates for the Family Learning sessions we had planned for this year, but we have had to change this session to **Monday 25 October 4-5pm**. We will send out a letter about this after the October week which we ask that you return with your contact email address. A Teams invite will then be sent by Mrs Harvey.

Family Learning sessions are all about you, our families, so we need to ensure that what we are offering meets your needs. Is there something you would like us to run a session on? If so, give us a call or drop us an email and we will do our best to create a suitable event that meets your needs.

### **Hallowe'en Pumpkin Orienteering**

I am sure everyone will be excited to hear that the incredibly successful Pumpkin Orienteering event will return this year, in partnership with our Parent Council! More details regarding the decoration of pumpkins will come from the Parent Council in due course. The school staff will create a range of challenging maths problems to attach to each pumpkin, providing the pupils with a fun but educational Hallowe'en activity.

### **Virtual Christmas Fair**

Our Parent Council have already begun to plan for Christmas! This year, given restrictions and the need to keep our school community as safe as possible, we will be holding a virtual event through social media. More details will be sent out by the Parent Council in due course so watch this space to see how you can get involved.

### **Parking**

It has been brought to my attention by several parents and the bus company themselves, that parking at the school continues to be problematic. Could I ask that no parents/carers park in the designated bus bay and that the corner is kept free of vehicles?

I am sure you all share my biggest concern which is for the safety of our children and ask that you support the school community to keep everyone safe.

### **Water Bottles**

A little reminder that children should only bring water in their water bottles please. If you wish your child to have juice, this should only go in their packed lunch.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona MacKenzie  
Head Teacher