

PC Meeting 14 June 2023

Attendee's: Mrs Hall, Mrs Pickering, Barry, Elaine E, Elaine H, Siobhan, Tommy, Fiona, Mrs Gillon, Louise S, Anette

Apologies: Mrs Dunn, Marilyn, Louise M

Chair report/Secretary Report:

- Sports day was a huge success, we hope everyone enjoyed the option of refreshments on the day, all donations we greatly received and will be put to good use in the new session.
- There was a Refreshing your PC workshop that I attended, this has given us a lot of new ideas we will work with from Aug.
- We are still looking at confirming a date to update our constitution, hopefully this will be worked on over the holidays ready for the AGM in Aug.
- We purchased a new sound system for the school which will be great for all future events/sports days etc.
- I liaised with a few of our community groups and they have agreed to provide us with their programmes over the summer, these will be posted on our facebook group so please look out for these and take advantage of the activities available.
- Broadloan Gardens have agreed to help us tidy the smaller outdoor area just off the dining room, we are hoping to make this into a sensory den for the children in the new session. We will liaise with the children/pupil council to see what they would like and we will start a gardening group to make this happen. Look out for details on this in the new session and all help would be greatly appreciated.
- Some of us attended the P1 induction session. It was really lovely meeting new parents and explaining what we do, hopefully we will have some new parents joining us in Aug with fresh new ideas.
- We were so pleased to be able to help support the Jungle book theatre performance and help lower the cost for all parents/carers.
- Mrs Gilles is due to retire at the end of this Session, we want to thank her for the continued support she has given us on the PC over the years and wish her well on her Retirement, she will be missed by all.
- We want to take this opportunity to thank every single one of you for all your support this year, it has been a fantastic year for the school and we hope this will continue into the new session. Have a fantastic holiday and we will see you all in August.

Head Teacher report:

- Mrs Taggart who worked in the office has moved on to another school – Mrs Affleck has joined the office till the end of term.
- There will be two probation teacher's Miss Simpson and Miss Ballantyne, who will be joining us in Aug, they are meeting the children and are around the school at present
- The theatre group performance of the Jungle book was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils
- Sports day was a huge success, the new layout and activities were positively received – the highlight being the P7 tug of war! Fitzalan was the winning house and received the House shield.

- The Primary 7 dance will take place on 22nd June and the Valedictory on 26th June. We are looking forward to sharing these events with parents and carers of those children.
- The final event will be a talent show organised by the pupils on the last day!
- In the next session there will be 15 classes in Newmains, with 13 straight classes and two composites at P4/3 and 5/4. An ebooklet has been created to inform parents and carers about composite classes and allay fears as this can often cause concern. Composite classes are formed very carefully where the SLT and class teachers use data from academic attainment and social groupings to create classes.

School Achievements

- There are many achievements for Newmains to be proud of including being awarded: Digital Schools award, Silver Reading Schools 1st place for Pocket Garden competition. hopefully awaiting Gold Sports Scotland and RRS and LEAF school status.
- In addition there has been significant developments in raising attainment in writing though the new T4W methodology, use of Accelerated reader to promote a love of reading beyond the school reading scheme and a wide range of STEM activities most recently the bridge building activity with P5 working with George Leslie who are working in Renfrew at the KG5 playing fields.
- This year we plan to share all achievements through a celebratory video for all of the school community to enjoy. We are extremely proud of the progress in Newmains over the last 2 years and keen to build on that in the future.

Treasury report:

- **In**
Easy Fundraising (Xmas cards etc) £19.63
Amazon Smile £48.50
- **Out**
Summer Fayre and Gardening Expenses (Elaine) £296.14
Cash in hand £116.00
Account balance £7206.28

Note: Upcoming expenditure includes let fee for Summer Fayre (£91.64), Sound system (£302.33) and church donation for tables (£50.00)

AOB:

Newmains Bus service update

- There are ongoing concerns with the school bus and all complaints are reported via the system to SPT. Laura Baillie responded from the LA in relation to updating the Parent Council re their complaint in May. We felt this was not a satisfactory response and a letter detailing all concerns raised over the year will be submitted to the LA to ensure these are addressed before the next session.
 - Mrs Hall confirmed that Newmain will be added to the Tesco community Grant scheme from July to Sept, This is to hopefully provide outdoor Samba drums to the outdoor classroom. If you or any family members are in Tesco over the summer holiday please look out for this and fill up our slot with the blue tokens.

Next PC AGM meeting 30th August 2023 at 6pm within the school.