

## ***RALSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL***

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself - my name is Gabriela (many of you know me as Gaby) and I'm the new Chair of Ralston Primary School Parent Council. I'm looking forward to working in this new capacity together with a great group of members, parent helpers and School staff.

I would also like to thank you on behalf of Ralston Primary School Parent Council for your generous support to the school through our various fundraising activities. As a Parent Council, we believe it's important to have transparency with parents and carers and would like to inform you of the money we have raised during the year and how it is used to support your children and enhance their learning experiences in school as well as supporting the Teachers and the School with various projects.

The main aims of the Parent Council are:

- to work in partnership with the school to create a welcoming school which is inclusive for all its pupils and parents;
- to develop and engage in activities, including fundraising, which support the education and welfare of the 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.

During the school term 2021/2022, the Parent Council were not still able to hold our typical fundraising events within the school building such as the popular School Discos and our annual Christmas Fayre. As Scottish Government restrictions were in place for most of the school term, we tried other types of fundraising:

- **Go Fund Me Donations - £940.29**
- **Halloween Parties - £377**
- **Christmas Raffle - £889.72**
- **Christmas Sweetie Cones - £554.29**
- **Christmas Trees - £61**
- **Christmas Jumpers - £70**

We also continued with the School Christmas cards in December 2021 which raised school funds of **£645.55** and also the Christmas Photos which raised **£1,100**.

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We have been delighted to be able to raise funds during these challenging times and are extremely grateful to parents and carers who have supported these fundraising events during the year. From this fundraising, the Parent Council have managed to support the following projects within the school:

- **Purple Mash - £950**
- **Accelerated Reading - £2,499.96**

We're very happy to confirm we'll be able to have our usual events this year! Please see Calendar below. We'll share details of each event closer to the corresponding dates.

We currently have three other ways to support us with fundraising:

- **GoFundMe page** - <https://gofund.me/7971abcc> (You can donate here anytime. Feel free to share with any friends or family who would be interested in supporting us)
- **Easyfundraising** - <http://efraising.org/ttZWUnDPwk> (You support us by shopping online at your usual stores through this app/website, no extra money spent, and a percentage of it goes to us. Again, please share with family and friends)
- **Uniform Sale** - Please check Google Doc link to see our stock. This document will update automatically so please keep it for future reference. If interested in purchasing any items, either contact Michelle ([michelle79oleary@gmail.com](mailto:michelle79oleary@gmail.com)) or myself ([gabriela.francescoli@gmail.com](mailto:gabriela.francescoli@gmail.com)).  
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I will finish by thanking all members of the Parent Council and parent helpers for their hard work, and thanks also to Miss McGown and all school staff for their continued support at meetings and events.

A very special thank you to Caroline Smith - our former Chair - who has worked very hard for our Parent Council during many years, and will continue doing so as an active member.

Gabriela Francescoli  
Chair

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**Event Timetable**

**2022/2023 Session**

**Discos**

Halloween Disco : Thursday, 27th October 2022

Valentine's Disco: Thursday, 9th February 2023

Spring Disco: Thursday, 20th April 2023

**Christmas Fayre:** Saturday, 26th November 2022

\*Please remember dates to events might change or events might need to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. We will do our best to keep parents/carers informed.