

# Riverbrae Parent Council News

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## Our very first newsletter...

*Hello and welcome,*

What a busy year it's been for the Riverbrae Parent Council, and we've enjoyed every minute of it!

We've been planning and prepping lots of events throughout the year whilst offering support to the school and parent / carers and organising our all-important fundraising so we can make it all happen.

For us the Parent Council is all about offering support, bringing our community together, offering a warm and inclusive welcome and having lots of fun along the way!

We are a group of parent volunteers with children in various departments within the school offering our time, when possible, around our own individual commitments. We dedicate time to support the school and its community. We always welcome the help from fellow parent/carers and are very grateful for all the support we have received this year.

Our parent council meetings that are held throughout the year give us the opportunity to be your voice. We feedback anonymously, points raised, get questions answered and liaise with the school and staff to organise, plan and work together to make Riverbrae the best it can possibly be!

**"Riverbrae PC is a committed team who work hard dedicating time too support, fundraise and build on our community."**

Veronica Colliety Riverbrae PC Chair

## Riverbrae Parent Council Team

**Veronica Colliety**  
Chair

**Suzi Rowlands**  
Secretary

**Cheryl Reid**  
Treasurer

**Eliabeth Graham**

**Kelly Martin**

**Lynn Campbell**

**Lyndsay Dyer**

**“Its great fun being part of the Riverbrae Parent Council  
we love supporting the school and community”**

Suzi Rowlands Riverbrae PC Secretary



**What we've been up to...**



*Supporting school.*

The start of our term saw the Parent Council getting involved in Christmas 2023 from decorating the school, wrapping selection boxes for all the pupils and offering refreshments at the Christmas light switch on. We enjoyed organising our first fundraising event the 'Riverbrae Reindeer Dash'! it was lovely to see all the pupils and staff organising the activities for the pupils to get involved with whilst wearing their red noses and antlers they had all made. It was a huge success raising over £2000 for the PC. We can't wait do it all again this year and have organised some extra special guests to come along to the school on the day! We're so excited the kids will love it! .... All will be revealed!

Other events that have been a lot of fun have been Easter and Halloween. On both occasions we've decorated the school, organised treats and donned our costumes to despatched around the school. It was lovely to see all the fab pupils in their classes with lots of smiley faces and cuddles - we really are a school filled with superstars!

Sports day was another occasion where we met pupils who after all their hard work carrying out their sporting events received an ice lolly - our little something to give back to all are sporting heroes!

The Riverbrae summer fayre was a huge success organised by the school, and we enjoyed getting involved helping to set up and work on the stalls. It was lovely to recruit our fab parent / carers who took time on the day to help at the event too. We used our funds for the supplies on the candyfloss stall, supplied the 'Snazzeroo' paints for the facepainting stall and not forgetting the fantastic bouncy castle and tuck shop!



**“I am proud to be part of the PC raising funds, helping pupils and making friendships along the way.”**

Elizabeth Graham Riverbrae PC Member

Weve enjoyed meeting you all at the coffee mornings and welcoming along the new parent /carers and those of you who personally came to the parents evening. We strive at continuing to build a friendly and supportive community within the school. We hope you come along and meet us in the future at our events and social meet ups. We are passionate about the PC being inclusive and a place where you can feel supported, with a team who are understanding of our family’s needs.



## What’s next...

### *The Riverbrae PC Annual General Meeting 2024.*

On Wednesday 27th November at 5.30 -6.30 PM we will be inviting you all along to our first AGM. We ask that if you wish to attend, please RSVP to the event so that we can organise and plan it accordingly.

We will be sharing our achievements, discussing plans and generally having an evening celebrating all that is ‘Riverbrae PC’ - we look forward to welcoming you all along.

*Dates For Your Diaries ....  
Come along and meet the  
team! ... We welcome all  
your help too!*

**“It’s lovely to be involved with the school  
and seeing the kids thrive within their  
school environment!”**

Cheryl Reid Riverbrae PC Treasurer

**Monday 18th November 10am** Put up the Christmas decorations in school

**Thursday 21st November 6- 8 pm**

Riverbrae Christmas Market -we will be holding a raffle for a luxurious Christmas Hamper, selling our Reindeer Christmas Cones. The fabulous ‘Clarabellas Cupcakes’ will be kindly donating scrummy Christmas cupcakes along with a special Christmas cake for us to raffle! The Riverbrae Football Cards will also be available. All the proceeds we be spent on all our wonderful pupils.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November time TBC**

Riverbrae lights switch on. Pop along and join in carolling with pupils and meet the PC team who will be offering refreshments.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 12 noon**

‘The Riverbrae Reindeers’ will be running the 1k at Barshaw Park- well probably strolling along with buggies, toddlers and furry friends to raise funds for the PC. Big thank you to those of you who have joined our team. You can still register to do this event individually to raise funds for the PC as there is a 3k event in the morning too. Sponsor forms to follow along with details of how to donate to this event.

[Jingle Bell Run 2024 : Active Communities](#)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9.45am Riverbrae Christmas Bus Pool Karaoke**

This a fun event, we hop on a school bus in our Christmas attire and sing along and sign if your extra talented to a Christmas song. This year or song is Jingle Bell Rock the Singing Hands have a video which has the signing version below:

<https://youtu.be/74zydDHI0C0?feature=shared>

Please join our Facebook Bus Pool Karaoke group for updated info on this event, all parent / carers welcome to come along and join in. It’s all about fun and enjoyment and being part of a community! The more the merrier!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/560047119737763/>



**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 'Riverbrae Reindeer Dash' all day event**

We are so excited about this sponsored event! Not only are the pupils wearing their Reindeer noses and antlers they've made but will be joining in the fun events and activities organised by the classes whilst raising funds for the school. Some special guests will be making an appearance too, the kids will love it!

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** P1 – P3 Nativities, we look forward to meeting you there!

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Riverbrae Art Exhibition time TBC, we look forward to meeting you there!

**December** Date & Time TBC- Pupils Letters To Santa

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 10am** After all the festive fun the decorations need taking down. All parent/ carers welcome to come along and help.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025** 'New Year Nibbles' Venue and time TBC

New year catch up after the Christmas Hols, grab a cuppa/ and a bite to eat. A wee catchup and time to catch our breath- All Riverbrae parent/ carers welcome.



**“I feel it’s important to be involved in my child’s school and I enjoy being part of Riverbrae PC.”**

Kelly Martin Riverbrae PC Members

## Special thanks....

We would like to thank all the staff at Riverbrae who have supported us along the way and the amazing pupils who make all of this worthwhile. To all the parent / carers who have taken time to offer their help and all of you how have supported our events, we really are grateful. As a small team we wouldn't be able to commit to so much without all your help.

A special mention to businesses and the 2 wonderful parents behind their companies both of which have kindly donated their time and expertise to the Parent Council ...

'Clarabellas Cupcakes' who kindly donated their delicious cake to the schools Macmillan Coffee morning for a raffle prize and continuing to support our PC with donations of cakes for prizes for our own fundraising. Many thanks Claire!

Clarabellas Cupcake Facebook Page

[https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082997967428&\\_tn\\_=-UC\\*F](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082997967428&_tn_=-UC*F)

Big thank you to the amazing 'Muir Media' who has designed our new logo, donated and designed our fab display banner and helped to create and set up our media info. We thank you for all your hard work Dave!

[www.muirmedia.co.uk](http://www.muirmedia.co.uk)

Thank you for taking time to read through our newsletter, we look forward to meeting you all soon and continuing our hard work within the PC.

Veronica Colliety

Riverbrae Parent Council Chair

**I like being in the parent council to be more connected with school. I like having a voice to help the pupils and to make new friends with people in a similar situation to me.**

Lyndsay Dyer Riverbrae PC Member

