**Dailly Primary & Early Years Centre Parent Partnership**

**General Agenda**

**Present**: Stu Briggs, Kelly Fyfe, Lorna Gilles-Woods, Mrs Morrison, Jan Vance, Fiona Matthews, Pamela Donnelly, Emma Kirk

**Chairperson**:

**Welcome and apologies**; Zanne Domoney-Lyttle, Lynda Connolly, Louise Skilling, Laura Dorans

**Matters arising from previous minutes**.

**Community update**.

Pantry is opening up on Thursday, Zanne has been in speaking to school about how the pupils can be involved, P6/7 will be going along to help in Pantry and have already been along. Zanne was unable to attend meeting but has said she can send us through email updates.

**Head Teacher’s report**.

**Staffing**

Current school role is 70 so we have lost 4 children but also gained a new family.

Thanks-fully we have managed to maintain our staffing ratio and have not lost anymore. At the end of last term we reluctantly moved to 3 classes due to the NQT withdrawing which meant we did not have enough teachers to cover 4 classes.

The EYC also have new staff, Mrs McCrindle is back in the EYC along with Robyn Nimmo who was a student with us.

Children have all settled in well to their new classes and are well supported by a school assistant in every class.

**Car Park**

The fence and gate separating the school playground from the car park has been finally erected. This will enable staff access to the car park through a key pad. At the moment there is still fencing in our playground area so we are not getting the use of it. I am attending a site meeting tomorrow and hope to find out a bit more about timescales, etc.

**Playground development**

We are currently looking at options for playground equipment in that area. South ayrshire council are providing funding of up to £20K to develop it which is very generous but unfortunately it is such a challenging site the funding may not go very far. We have already carried out some consultations with the children on what they would like and will consult them further once I met with the specialists to see what is possible.

**EYC Canopy and playground**

Very pleased with the all weather canopy which has been constructed and the playground development. The children and staff are loving being able to have all of their experiences set up outdoors in all weathers.

**Curriculum experiences**

After school clubs are starting next week and these will be run by Active schools.

Blocks of Fitness classes and an opportunity to take part in a competition.

Rugby being provided by Carrick Academy for P6+7 and eventually P5/4

Outdoor Learning is planned for a Friday and will be a similar format – EYC and P1 out all day, P2-4 out from 11-2 and P5-7 from 12-2.30pm. They will be out on a rotational basis working out at roughly every 2 to 3 weeks.

**Writing**

We are focusing on developing our writing skills as the attainment across the school is very poor. We have large numbers of children who generally find literacy very challenging and need a lot of support when writing imaginative and informative pieces. We are working with Yvonne Daubney this term to support us, she is a consultant and trainer for Talk for Writing.

**Adaptive Teaching programme**

We are working with Stacy from the South Ayrshire Learns team to look at how we can adapt our learning environments and teaching approaches to improve the experiences for all learners. This project lasts the full session and we are working alongside Colmonell and Ballantrae which will provide valuable CLPL for the staff. The children and staff have had to complete baseline surveys which will be re-visited towards the end of the year to measure impact.

**Mental Health**

Gemma McVarrie (Counsellor) is working with some individual in the school who have significant social and emotional needs as a result of things going on at home or difficulties with peer groups, etc. This is funded through our PEF (Pupil Equity money and we hope that it will be a valuable addition to our current Nurture approaches.

**Music**

Mhairi Gibson (Music Teacher) will be starting again next Monday and will be running until March for P4-7. P1-3 will benefit from the YMI Music Heroes project which dates have yet to be confirmed. We also have the Chanter instructor continuing with some of our seniors.

**First aid**

On the Inservice day the majority of the staff participated in First Aid Paediatric training which was great fun but also means that all staff when accompanying children on trips and outdoor learning have a first aid qualification.

**Meeting with Zanne (Community Development Officer) to discuss links with the community 22.8.24**

**Intergenerational Learning**

Opportunities for intergenerational learning with the ‘Monday Club’ with lunch and maybe some games. Zanne is looking at funding for lunch for all including pupils. This will likely be from after the October holidays. This would be ideal for EYC intergenerational learning.

**Photography/Art Exhibition**

There are plans for a community photo and/or art exhibition in December. E.g. autumn inspired paintings. I have asked Zanne to reach out to local artists/photographers who would be happy to come in and work with the children and she will get in touch about this.

**Food Pantry**

Zanne is looking for art work for the walls. P7/6 to help on Thursdays between 9am and 11am, as and when is suitable. This could be weekly, fortnightly etc. Pupils could help with cleaning, organising etc. Zanne is looking for ideas from the children to make the space nicer. Louise Baillie to organise.

**Youth Club**

There will be a youth club starting September 12th for 11-18 year olds

**Castle Project**

This will tie in with our Scotland focus in term 3 so would be a good whole school project. Local people to come in and tell stories, children could create stories about the castles etc.

Zanne is part of the RRS committee and will attend committee meetings as and when she can. She will help committee to take action to improve our community and make links with councillors etc.

**Finance:**

**Treasurer’s report**;

£9908.76 in the account, £8780 allocated to ACE, £500 allocated for reindeer 628.76 left

Bonus ball started again if everyone pays we get £29 a week

£80 received from shop in village

Grotto £300 4 hour window on the day 27th November (xmas fayre) with grotto and suit, we need to buy presents, school can pay for gifts.

Plan for reindeer 1-3pm (all classes see them then) then will be part of xmas fayre 4-6pm.

Grotto voted on £300.

**Funding / Grants**;

**Fundraising update**.

**AOB**.

Jan managed to get in touch with Santas Grotto. Grotto would cost £300 for a 4 hour window on the day, Wednesday 27th November 2024 (xmas fayre) with grotto and suit, we need to buy presents, school can pay for gifts.

The Reindeer will be here same day Wednesday 27th November 2024 1-3pm (all classes will then be ablet to see them then) then will be part of xmas fayre 4-6pm for rest of village to see them.

Grotto voted on by members - £300.

Lorna is arranging letters to go out for raffle prizes for psychic night and suggested could get pupils to do posters. Night is Saturday 12th October 2024,will probably need about four people and Lorna to help out. BYOB. Hall can hold about eighty/ninety and can be sold at office or bought on the night £15 (school gets five pounds back off every ticket)

Agreed on holding a Halloween Party this year instead of the Halloween Walk. It would be 29th October in the Community centre probably 4-6pm. School already has decorations would need to borrow a speaker and lights if not buy some for use in other events. Will speak to Pauline about booking community centre.

**Dates of next meetings**:

3rd October