



Chairperson Report – 2024/2025

First and foremost, I want to extend a big thanks to the committee, class reps, teachers and the wider parent council for all their help and support over the last year, especially welcoming in the new role bearers. Due to other commitments, I have decided to step down as Chairperson and I am sure there will be continuity with the parent council as the treasurer, secretary and vice chair will all be remaining as role bearers within the Parent Council.

I would like to personally thank Gill McKenzie as Vice Chair, Laura Leitch as Secretary and Nicole Money as Treasurer. It's been a real team effort with everyone pulling out the stops and giving it their all. It's been a real pleasure to work with you and very proud of the fundraising events we have put together over the last year.

Our aim at the start of the year was to carry on the great work from the previous parent council and to try and encourage more parents to come forward and volunteer. We also had a tentative figure of what we would like to achieve with our fundraising efforts. What has really struck me, being part of the Parent Council, is the generosity, kindness and community spirit from the Doonfoot families.

Not only does the Parent Council raise funds for the school, it has a role to ensure that parent voices are heard and represented. We have had good attendance at our monthly meetings which have been held in person, monthly at the Balgarth. Management has also attended these meetings, which has been greatly appreciated – thank you Ms Flint.

Our events this year have been a great success and really embodied the Doonfoot Primary spirit. Our biggest fundraisers were the Christmas and Summer Fayres along with Sports Day – with a combined total of over £6,500. The Summer Fayre pulled out all the stops with the Alpacas, Bouncy Castle and Sponge a Teacher – the Parent Council have never been so obsessed with the weather, we are very thankful that it stayed dry!! Thank you to Beth Campbell, our P6 rep, for making the Hoopla and Play Your Cards Right, these will be used for many years to come!



We continued the tradition this year of hosting a P1 family night – this comprised a quiz and kids games - a great way to introduce the families to the school and also to get to know people. As a bonus the night made £118 through the ticket sales and the raffle.

Christmas was an extremely busy time not only with the Fayre but with the additional fundraising through the Christmas Cards and Wreath Making, raising over £1200. The Wreath Making at Alloway Village Hall was a great festive night; the foraging also made for interesting entertainment!

This year also saw Doonfoot Primary School host their first Spring Fling which was championed by some of our class reps; Claire Cornelius and Jordyn Connell. This event was free to attend and we were fortunate to have a DJ volunteer their time for the evening – thank you Finlay Matthews. This event was intended to be a fun night for the pupils and the money raised (£122) through the tuck shop was also a bonus. It is hoped that it can be run again the next year with a few small tweaks!

The year would not have been complete without an adult only event! We hosted a bingo night at Alloway Village Hall, which has been a great venue over the last year. Our bingo caller, Claire Cornelius, deserves a special mention who really added to the fun atmosphere. The night raised over £225 and was a great social gathering – so much so it was requested that we hold these monthly!!

All our events over the year raised an amazing total of £8,890, thanks to everyone's hard work and enthusiasm in making it such a success.

What have the funds been used for over the year?

The Parent Council continue to support the school in their events over the year. Snacks were paid for by the Parent Council at the Halloween Disco, refreshments at the Christmas Service, EYC sports day snacks and the P1 Buddy Breakfast. Traditionally, we have also contributed to the P7 Leavers Ceremony by ordering and purchasing their ties for their new schools. We wish all the P7s well as they leave Primary School and onto their next chapter at High School.

We have also purchased Christmas inflatables to decorate the school during the festive period and these can be used year after year. For the



Spring Fling disco, lights were purchased and can be used at future discos and events within the school.

It is hoped that with the remainder of the funds that we can buy a mini Trim Trail to go in the Lower Playground at a cost of £6,500. This is on the back of the success of the Trim Trail in the playing fields and general feedback from the pupils as to how much this has been used and enjoyed. This also builds on the already strong ethos of outdoor play within the school who are very fortunate with their location next to the beach and the River Doon which the school fully utilises to their advantage.

Doonfoot Parent Council continue to support the local community through Foodbank Fridays and The Night Before Christmas Campaign (NB4CC). This year saw a slightly different set up to NB4CC as we were a 'Drop Off' point for the charity and delivered the donations to their HQ in Annbank. This was to reduce the onus on class reps during an already busy time of the year. The foodbank is in partnership with Alloway Parish Church who provide the crates and is collected by South Ayrshire Foodbank to support families in South Ayrshire. This has been championed by Lynne Coulter who over the last few years has organised all the collections. The Foodbank and NB4CC are charitable contributions from the families at Doonfoot Primary and hopefully teaches the children appreciation and inspires the act of giving and empathy, reinforcing the values of the school.

Lynne, has been a huge asset to the school over the past few years. She looks after the spare uniform box which she replenishes each year with various sizes to cover any spillages and accidents. This year Lynne requested supplies and new boxes for storage which the Parent Council were delighted to assist with. She has spearheaded the ASDA rewards scheme, school labels, Bags2School, Pre-loved Facebook Page and Lost Uniform Stall in school. This year it has raised over £670 in income from these various collections. Lynne will be stepping down from these roles this year and passing it over to new volunteers – Megan, Claire and Sarah. We can't thank her enough for all her time and dedication to these roles and the money raised for the school.

It has been a big year for the school and staff with the HMI Inspection earlier this year. The school had a really positive report and we are very proud of how the school preformed. On behalf of the Parent Council, thank you to the staff for all you do for our children which I'm sure can be



challenging at times. The school provides a caring and nurturing environment which was reflected in the inspection report. Thank you to all the staff – the dinner ladies who help out at events, Mr Robb (the honorary member of the Parent Council) who works behind the scenes and is always so positive and encouraging for our events. A big thanks to the teachers who volunteer at the Christmas and Summer Fayres – thank you!

Thanks to everyone who has come out and supported the Parent Council through donations, volunteering and general encouragement! It's been greatly appreciated. Thanks to the previous role bearers who have provided support in transitioning and to Kirsty Roarty the previous chairperson who has been on hand to answer the many questions!

We hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Many Thanks

Alanna Dale (Doonfoot Primary Parent Council Chairperson, June 2024 – June 2025)