



Minutes

Thursday 15th May 2025 – 7pm @school

1. Welcome and Apologies

Katie Donaldson, Lucy Ross, Christine Grace, Holly McBlane, Donna Hall, Lynsey Finnigan, Karin Bounford, Jen McClure, Cllr Hugh Hunter, Ryan Delaney, Marie Gobert
Apologies: Gordon Ghee, Gael Neil, Emma Fairbairn

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

3. Minutes from previous meeting were proposed by Donna and seconded by Holly.

4. Matters Arising

N/A

5. Correspondence

N/A

6. Treasurers' Report

The KFP paid for planters to improve greenery in the school grounds.

The bookbags for the future P1s arrived on the 15th May and have been paid by the KFP with a cost of £260.

7. Events Team Report

Kingcase summer fair is fast approaching and will take place on Saturday 31st May. Activities on offer will include Chester the Pony, a coffee cart, Glenburn football, Mancini ice cream van, Friends of Broadway, a barbecue, tuck shop, tombola, soak the 7s stall, facepainting, pingpong game, school uniform table, second handbook table and much more.

Families will be asked to bring donations for tombola and home baking by the 30th May. These can be stored in school until the Fayre the next day.

More helpers will be needed on the day and the day before, the events team will put a call out for help.

The events team will require £210 cash on the day, £40 for the pony owner and 17 floats for the stalls and activities.

Payments will be cash or cards, tokens won't be used this year. A central float will be made available as well.

The Fayre will be advertised in the May issue of Prestwick Going out.

Congratulations to Isla Proctor, who has won the poster competition to advertise the Fayre. The poster will be sent to the parents and community and school.

A few things still need to be worked out such as prizes for hook a duck and a rainy day plan although the Fayre is coming together.

Summer Disco will need to change date because of the school show now taking place on the 19th June. New proposed date is on the 12th June. Katie will check with the DJ for his availability.



Donations of school uniforms for the Fayre can be made at anytime from now on as the Fayre is taking place very soon.

After the summer, the KFP is planning on organising a car boot sale to raise some funds. More details to come.

8. Headteacher's update

Request for Funding	P7 Letter. Regarding Year Books.
Class Structure for 2023/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Like all South Ayrshire Primaries we are looking at falling rolls for next session. This is especially true in Prestwick as there is very little housing development.➤ At Kingcase our numbers coming into P1 remain healthy and steady. However, the numbers leaving at the top end of the school is the reason for the reducing school roll. This year our Primary roll is 337 and next year we estimate we will have 326. Our EYC roll has also dropped by around 7 children. This is similar to all school EYCs in our area. Again, this could be a sign that during COVID times birthrates fell.➤ In order to ensure we offer the best service, this does mean a change to class structure, in order to maximise the allocation of teachers we do have. This will mean the following class structure: EYC P1A P1B P2 P3/2 P3 P4A P4B P5A P5B P6A P6B P7A P7B Our staffing for next session does not permit a 14-class structure. School staffing allocation is determined by the Local Authority. -By continuing with a composite structure we can set a curriculum which has greater variety and flexibility across P2 and P3. Overall, our change to a composite P3/2 class this session has been positive. -It is worth noting, that every class is essentially a composite class, with teachers differentiating learning at many levels, for example, in a 'straight' P4 class, there will be children working at the levels of children in P1-P3 as well as children



	<p>who work beyond the P4 curriculum. Teachers are highly skilled in planning for learning at all different levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-A composite class is generally smaller, with a Maximum cap placed on them by the Scottish Government.-Generally, almost all schools will have at least 1 or 2 composite classes.-Movement between peer groups can be a positive thing for children and generally increases their resilience and ability to cope with change. <p>It should never be assumed that the class a child starts off in school with, is the class they remain with.</p> <p>To support this slight change, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Do our very best to ensure the 'make up' of the P2, P3/2 and P3 class is based on a variety of factors, with social wellbeing of children, being a big factor.-Aim to communicate any changes in a timely manner (this is dependent on our staffing being confirmed by the local authority in time).-Provide children who are moving classes with enhanced opportunities to learn and play with their classmates. We aim for this information be communicated week beginning 27th May.
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Miss George (substantive DHT) has been offered the post of Inclusion Co-Ordinator on a permanent basis. Suzanne was a member of the Kingcase Team for around 12 years before taking on a secondment in March 2023. We all wish Suzanne all the very best in her role, which she has already been doing a super job of. I will now begin to recruit a Depute Head Teacher on a permanent basis for Kingcase.➤ Mrs Smith (Principal Teacher) will be on Maternity Leave from August 2025-June 2026, and her post will be covered by Mrs Susan Fulton, who will remain as Acting Principal Teacher for one more year.➤ Mrs Afrin will also remain as Acting Principal Teacher next session.➤ From next session, our EYC will be one of five within the Local Authority staffed by a Depute Manager. After interviewing all day on Tuesday, I am delighted to share that Emma Hart was appointed to this post. The interviews were very competitive, and the decision to appoint Emma Hart was made easy by an outstanding interview and proven track record in improving outcomes for very young children. Emma is currently the Senior Practitioner at Wallacetown EYC.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Our Teacher Staffing has reduced from 18.2 (FTE) to 17.1 (FTE).➤ In real terms, this means that we are now unable to run a fulltime Nurture Provision next session staffed by a Teacher. This means that Mrs King will return to teaching a class full-time.➤ We will not have any NQTs next year.➤ Mrs McInroy and Miss Cochrane will remain on Maternity Leave until February/March.➤ Mrs MacDonald will leave for maternity leave within the first three weeks of the new school session.➤ We have two temporary posts which go live on MyJobScotland this week to cover the above posts.➤ Once I have the names of all teachers who will be returning in August, I will then be in a position to share the class and teacher structure for 2025/2026.➤ Our PEF spend remains the same for next session. As it stands, we plan to use the funding in the same way as this year. This means funding:<ul style="list-style-type: none">-30 hours of an Early Years Practitioner to support learning and 'raising attainment' in P1 and P2.-27 hours of a School Assistant-20 hours of a School Assistant.
The wider curriculum at Kingcase:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ School is busy as ever, and Term 4 continues to pick up pace each week, with more events happening.➤ Bikeability for P5 and P6 has been a success so far. My thanks to Christopher Johnson and his colleague from Cycle Scotland for delivering the P6 sessions.➤ We have participated in many sporting events in the past few weeks. Today, our athletics' team were out at a festival and had a great day.➤ Our Tennis Programme continues to run, with P1 and P2 currently having sessions.➤ P5s have just completed a block of law bowls.➤ Our Rotary Quiz Team recently went to the Ayrshire and Glasgow Finals in East Renfrewshire. Although we didn't win, the children had a great time. Well done.➤ Our Euro Quiz Team are through to the final and will travel to Edinburgh for this in the coming weeks.➤ Screen Awareness Week has been a successful in school and from what we have heard from outwith school (at home).➤ Our show rehearsals are going well and my thanks to Miss Glass, Miss Taylor and Miss Morrison for their time and energy here.



Transitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Transition arrangements for P7-S1 and EYC-P1 are well underway. We have had all new P1 children visit this week and Mrs McClure and Mrs Afrin have been on EYC visits to observe our new children to better understand them as learners.➤ We are working with Prestwick Academy currently to share important information about our current P7 children. Small groups of children have been for enhanced transition visits.➤ We are taking extra steps this session to support P3-P4 transitions. Some P3 children have been spending time in the upper school to do some learning there.
Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Thanks to KFP for funding planting pots/beds and soil. These are now painted in bright colours and will soon have plants in them.➤ Our new markings are down, and children are loving these. Thanks again to KFP.➤ Thanks to Parents/Carers for supporting dress-down Friday's. This money has been a big help and will go towards our new reading nook.➤ Thanks to the Prestwick Rotary President, Lorraine and Mrs Rutter and Mrs Miller for coming along to Huddle to present us with a cheque for our playground project. This was very generous and we are incredibly grateful.
Attainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Teachers are currently updating their final Curriculum for Excellence Levels for uplift by the Scottish Government. On-going tracking throughout the year of attainment and achievement shows positive signs of improvement at key stages. We have also been able to evidence a slight reduction in the poverty related attainment gap at certain stages/curriculum areas across the school. My thanks to all staff for their tireless efforts.

KFP will help fund the P7 yearbooks and Tech t-shirts for athletic competitions.

9. SAC chairperson's meeting report

Health and wellbeing survey will be coming out to school as from this week. From P5 onwards.

Adaptive teaching strategies – Kingcase to join next year with a focus on maths.

It was confirmed that parents' councils do not need to be PVGd to sit on the committee.

Lyndsay McRoberts, Head of Education, will leave in August for a new post in another local authority.

10. AOCB

Marie will step down as secretary at the next AGM.

11. Dates of future meetings

September AGM – date Wednesday 17th September at 7pm