

Symington Primary School
Parent Council
AGM

Wednesday 6th September 2023, 7pm, Symington Primary School

1. Welcome and intros

In attendance: Maria Galt (HT), Rosie Smith (DHT), Doreen, Kennedy, Louise, Diane, Kay, Michael, Martin, Gillian, Kellie, Sara-Lousie, Raymond and Alex

2. Election of office bearers as per constitution

Co-chairs – Kennedy and Louise

Secretary – Michael

Treasurer – Sara-Lousie

Maria thanked Doreen and Gillian for their time as chairs over the past 2 years and all their hard work.

3. Annual financial report

This is the Treasurer's Report for Symington Primary School Parent Council and PTA. The account's time period covered since our last AGM is from 7th September 2022 to 6th September 2023. We started the 2022/2023 school year with £3160.43 following from the success of our 2021 Christmas Raffle which raised £1532.00 including our silent auction.

October 2022 saw us raise £113.17 at our second Pumpkin Trail which despite the rain was another great afternoon out and as always well supported. We were able to gift Panto tickets to enable the whole school to attend Snow White at a cost of £1500.00 which was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

This was followed by the Winter Fayre held in the school for which we received £700.00 as a note of thanks for our efforts in organising the event. The school was once again bustling with activity and the true value of our school community shone. Fast forward to June 2023 and the Symington Gala returned with our role being to provide teas and coffees in the Scout Hut. We only asked for donations and £308.78 was raised however we agreed to donate £50 to the Gala Committee in support of their hard work which sadly was marred by the fire at the Shaw Park Pavilion.

The other main expenditure was in providing leavers' ties for the P7 class and welcome new ties for the EYC children who now make up our 29 new P1 students. We also paid for the P7 leavers party and spent £910.00 to install the new Snake and Ladders Playground Markings which have certainly been a highlight of the playground and a lovely welcome for both the old and new families joining us.

Our current balance is £1783.27 on 6th September 2023 with a breakdown of recent debit and credit transactions summarised below:

MONEY OUT

04/08/23 Scout Hut Donation £30.00 for Gala Teas

24/07/23 Connect Membership £130.00
04/07/23 Playground markings £910.00
29/06/23 P7 Party £144.00
13/06/23 P7 Leavers Ties and P1 Welcome Ties Gifted by School £213.49
05/06/23 Gala Committee Donation £50
03/05/23 Den Building Equipment £19.92
31/01/23 Connect Membership £125.00
08/12/22 Panto Payment P1-P7 £1500.00
17/11/22 Smyths Gift Voucher £50.00
31/10/22 Pumpkin Trail Sweets £39.00
10/10/22 Recorders and EYC Puddlesuits reordered £179.70
09/09/22 Original cost for Recorders and EYC Puddlesuits £231.78

MONEY IN

05/06/23 Gala Teas £308.78
26/04/23 P2 Class Donation from Teacher Gift £25.00
31/01/23 School Fayre £700.00
17/01/23 South Ayrshire Grant £958.00
03/11/22 Pumpkin Trail £113.17
26/10/22 RAG BAG £16.40
13/10/22 Refund from Recorders £124.38
Prepared by Sara-Louise Gregor, Treasurer - 7th September 2022

4. School standards and quality report for 2022/23

- Website currently under construction – once complete the SQ report and SIP will be shared there
- School in strong position – ACEL data high achieving
- Parent feedback / pupil feedback were shared over summer term PTIs - strong themes coming through

5. School Improvement Plan 2023/24

- SIP covers the school's priorities as well as SAC LA and cluster priorities.
- Learning and teaching is a key focus
- Health and well-being remains another key focus
- South Ayrshire reads – improve reading skills, including fluency. Teacher CLPL. Parent input e.g., re phonics. Research based approaches.
- Language learning – Spanish plus 1 – now being delivered as NCC. BSL is third language.
- Maths parent workshops have been shared with parents – learning videos from the cluster to follow.
- DYW focus – skills for life, learning and work being promoted.
- Diversity focus – respecting difference, including neurodiversity – pupils and families. Relationships policy – UNCRC, linked through the PRIDE approach – more focus on protected characteristics. Gender 10 programme.

6. Start of year HT update

- Roll of 163; 12 P7s out and 29 P1s in, 48 in ELC, 232 capacity – concerns around GP being used as a classroom in future.
- Meet the teacher on Friday 8/9/23 including McMillan coffee morning.
- New staff – made strong start. Experienced teachers. New staff in the office, support staff and ELC.

7. Forthcoming fundraising activities

Christmas / winter fayre – agreed for 30th of November / St Andrew's Thursday. Sub committee to be formed to work with school.

Pumpkin trail – confirmed for weekend of 28/10/23 (PM). Lousie suggested a village Scarecrow competition as other villages like Monkton. It was agreed to incorporate this and reconsider the route given the H and S around sports pavilion.

ACTION: MR to book Coffee cart.

Consideration of running a grotto if Gala committee not offering this

There was a discussion to consider running a social event at some point. It was agreed that the trail and fayre are enough for this term and at the Nov meeting we will agree activities for January 24 onwards.

Lousie referred to Bonnie from the SAC Vibrant communities' team as a link to funding streams. **ACTION:** Louise to explore and feedback at next meeting.

8. Request for funding

- PG games noted as going well
- ELC and den building going well
- **ACTION:** Doreen to order PE kit
- **ACTION:** Raymond – quote for outdoor classroom
- **ACTION:** School bring request list to Nov meeting

9. Double yellow lines

- SA Roads alliance – community council – planning to introduce double yellow lines all the way outside the school. Further meeting re this at next Community Council Tuesday next week.
- **ACTION:** Louise suggested FB poll re options to be run before next Tuesday. Several parents agree to attend the CC and share views.

10. Dates for future meetings:

Agreed this will now be in person but an attempt would be made to trial one of the meetings as a hybrid meeting.

- Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 7pm
- Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 7pm
- Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 7pm

11. AOCB

After school care – MR raised concerns that after the move to school the numbers / places aren't increasing. The move to the school was to reduce the costs of hiring the village hall. The collective understanding is that the Care inspectorate registration is for 24 but there are only 16 children in place. Ratios are being monitored with a view to increase places as there is a waiting list of parents wanting places. **ACTION:** review and update at Nov meeting.

Buses - RC asked a question about buses dropping off before 8.45am? **ACTION:** HT to raise issues with SAC.