

Academic Session 23/24

We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are ready for the new term. We also wish our new P1 families a very warm welcome!

This is a summary of what the Parent Council supported during the last academic year.

- Organised a Spring Disco for P1-7
- Supported the Marr Cluster Schools Disco for Primary leavers
- Continued to liaise with local councillors and Ayrshire Roads Alliance to attempt to improve Road Safety around school. If you would like this to remain a focus for the Parent Council this session, please let us know.
- Funded the music licence for the WONDERFUL school show "Matilda"
- Funded enhanced subscriptions for online educational tools
- Paid for the additional swimming lessons required in 2023/24 to allow the swimming age to be brought down to P4 from now on, rather than P5
- Provided ice Iollies for the children at Sports Day
- Provided Leavers Gifts to P7 and EYC children
- Organised a Summer Fair and a Christmas Fair
- Co-ordinated the self-portrait calendar and children's Christmas cards
- Helped with the 'Book Advent'
- Held regular meetings to discuss all matters pertaining to school life, including matters raised by the parent forum
- Attended a Voluntary Action South Ayrshire Fundraising Forum and, as a result, learned of funding which we were eligible for and managed to secure some additional funding.

Funds Raised

Much of the above is only possible thanks to fundraising. We will review the audited accounts at the AGM, but to give you an early idea - we raised over £10,000 last year!!! Thank you to EVERYONE for volunteering, donating, baking, buying calendars and cards and for turning up to events \mathfrak{O} .

In addition, we were also the very lucky recipients of a generous donation from a school parent last year. This donation has been ring fenced and will be used to fund a theatre trip for P5 pupils for the next 5 years. Details are TBC, but we are sure you will agree that this was a remarkable thing to do and it will be a super experience for so many pupils.

Did someone say FREE funds for the school?

Help us to boost our funds even more!!! If you haven't already, please do consider signing up to Easyfundraising for FREE funds for school, just by doing any routine online shopping. We received over £300 last year and it really was entirely free!!!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/troonprimaryparentcouncil/payments/9fb2cb/?utm_medium=email-share&utm_source=Whatsapp&utm_campaign=dd-aug-23&utm_term=Q2231&utm_content=socialshare

Coming up this year......

- The Parent Council has organised and paid for the theatre group M&M to perform a Pantomime in Troon Primary this Christmas. It will be held on 19th December and is for all pupils.
- The children will soon be busy creating their self-portraits for the 2025 Calendar and order forms will be out shortly. Please contact tpchairperson@gmail.com if you have a local business and would like to sponsor a month on our calendar
- We will be holding our annual Christmas Fair on Thursday 28th November and always need lots of volunteers to make it run smoothly. If you would like to help to organise this event please consider coming along on the 3rd October to our next meeting where we will quickly run through the AGM and use the rest of the time to plan the fair.

We will come back to you nearer the time for on-the-night helpers too, and we normally ask for some donations of selection boxes and bottles nearer the time too if you can please (

Class Reps

Most year groups have a 'Class Rep". Class Reps are there to raise non-urgent, 'general' queries and things that might be causing "chatter" in the playground or being asked across the group/groups. Anything relating specifically to individual children should always be raised directly with the school for a tailored and prompt response.

You can contact school for the details of your Class Rep, or email tpsecretary2@gmail.com

Next Meeting Dates

The next meetings are:

- 3rd October (AGM)
- 14th November
- 16th January

- 20th March
- 15th May

Meetings are held in school at 1830. You don't have to be a member to come to meetings and you don't have to come to every meeting.

We need YOU!

Parent Councils are a chance for parents to get involved and do what they can to help their school be the best it can be. We know that everyone benefits when we get the partnership between schools and parents working well.

Each year we lose members when the P7s move on. We therefore always welcome new members!! We need parents and carers from every year group, and we especially encourage those with children in the junior primaries to become involved as they are at the beginning of a long association with the school.

You can self-nominate to be a member or to take one of the following office bearer positions:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Vice Secretary
- Treasurer
- Vice Treasurer
- Fundraising Officer
- Vice Fundraising Officer

You don't have to have experience, just enthusiasm!! All of the great things that the PC fund each year and that the children (and parents) love, would not be possible without volunteers. We would love to organise and support even more social and fun activities and we can do it with your help!

If you have a great idea to help improve the school, even if you are not a PC member, do come along to a PC meeting in person.

Attending the PC meetings is an interesting way to see the variety of topics being discussed and hear first-hand about school plans.

You can email tpsecretary2@gmail.com and/or tpchairperson@gmail.com to register your interest or just come along to the AGM.