



Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 4 October 2023

Hallside Primary School

1. **Welcome, Apologies, Previous Minutes and Opening Remarks (ES)**
 - 1.1 Present: Emma Sharp (ES); Leesa McCue (LMcC); Neil McCallum (NM); Anja Schöne (AS); Gordon Brough (GB); Karen Allen (KA) Mrs Sandilands (SS); Mrs O'Neil (EON)
 - 1.2 Welcome and opening remarks
 - 1.2.1 ES welcomed all to the meeting and extended sincere thanks to all staff involved in the school.
 - 1.3 Apologies:
 - 1.3.1 Mr Bamford (RB); Ashley Rafferty (AR); Leanne Murdoch (LM); Ashley Middleton (AM); Jenny Boyce (JB); Iain Cairns (IC)
 - 1.4 Previous minutes (any clarifications and amendments)
 - 1.4.1 Accepted as accurate
2. **Head Teacher's Report (SS)**
 - 2.1 Please see appended
3. **Councillors' Reports (KL, WB, AF)**
 - 3.1 No councillors in attendance.
4. **Friends of Hallside**
 - 4.1 No update
5. **Funding subgroup (LM, ES, AM, AS)**
 - 5.1 Discussion about applications and best use of funding. To be confirmed in future meeting once all funding sources have replied.
 - 5.2 Many thanks to LM and AS (and IC) for the hard work on these applications.
6. **Query re storage units (AS)**
 - 6.1 Storage Units are used on a day to day basis for storage of outdoor play and stage props.
7. **AGM – Annual Summary of Parent Council Business and Appointment of Office Bearers for 2023/24**

7.1 Chair – ES –Proposed by NM and Seconded by AS

7.2 Vice Chair – AS/IC – proposed by ES and seconded by LMcC

7.3 Secretary - LMcC – Proposed by GB and seconded by KA

7.4 Treasurer – GB – proposed by AS and seconded by SS

Sincere thanks were extended to LM and NM for their dedication in their roles as office bearers in the last few years.

8. **Next meeting** – 1 November 2023 at 6:30pm

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Headteacher Report

Welcome

Lovely to see everyone.

Staffing Update

Pleased to welcome Mrs Tracy Tomlinson to the school on a permanent basis as Support Staff Team Leader. Mrs Tomlinson is learning the routines of the school and continues to receive training to support her to take on her new role.

Improvement Planning Session 23-24

(Shared Strategy on a Page – Included in attachments).

Parent Portal

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Budget

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Cost to heighten the fence and accompanying works is £4886.00.

Doors Open Event

Thank you to all our families who were able to attend the Doors Open Event.

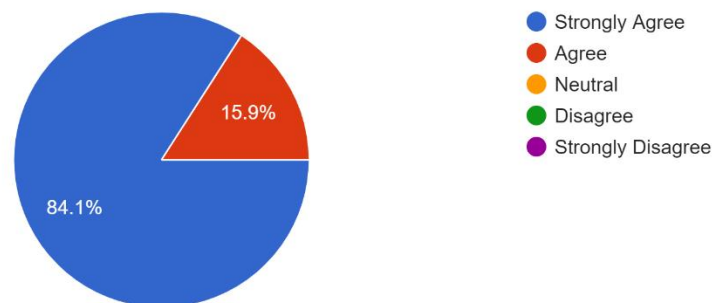
44 responses to the survey detailed below for your information.

We continue to develop this event based on the feedback that we receive. We utilised Google Forms to create a booking, staggered session this year.

On the whole the timing of the sessions seems to have worked well, perhaps building in more time to look around the classroom. We developed a brochure for families this year containing information on our Vision and Values, Improvement Plan Priorities, Hallside Heroes Promoting Positive Behaviour Strategy and Home Learning including Glow and Google Classroom. Next steps, to continue to develop opportunities for parents/carers to support learning.

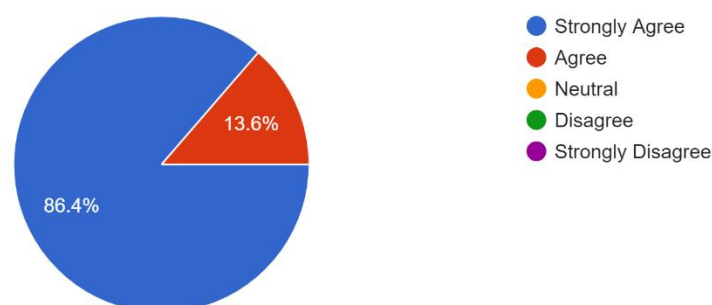
Q.3 I enjoyed the opportunity to visit my child's classroom.

44 responses



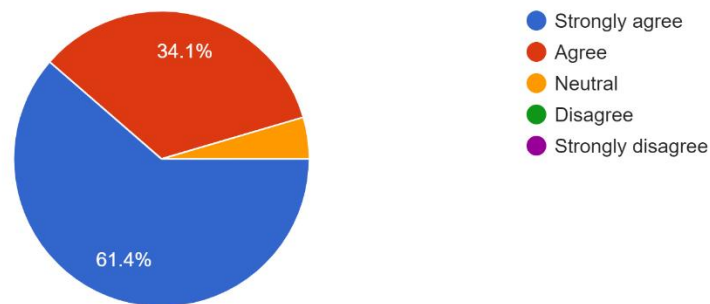
Q.4 I gained an insight into my child's learning environment?

44 responses



Q.5 I am aware how I can support my child's learning.

44 responses



The 15 mins felt a bit rushed 20-25 would have been perfect as there wasn't time for any questions or to have a look in the classroom properly

Lovely to meet **Mrs Talent**. Evident she is a very experienced teacher and **Layla** loves having her as her teacher already.

Great to see where **Fearne** sits and she showed me all around her classroom. Good to get information on homework starting soon and paper based which makes things a bit easier at this age.

It was good to get a little insight into how the children learn and what they are learning, at present and what I expected from us at home to support this. . Loved seeing the floor book and how that works and how it's very child lead. however I was slightly disappointed as I felt that the presentation touched on a lot of things we knew already from attending the induction day visits. I hoped it would have been more of an opportunity to look around the class room and see what the children had been working on as **Charlie** talks so fondly about his work and where it is displayed. I knew it wouldn't have been an opportunity to speak with the teachers directly about our children but would have been nice to have a look around. This is no reflection on **Ms Belardo or Mrs MacDonald** as they both came across very passionate about what they do and how they teach. Also good to get an insight from **Mrs Canning** regarding how the rainbow room works

Great idea getting a feel of enviroment really worth while x

It was nice to meet the teachers and get the opportunity to meet with other parents too. The kids were very excited to show off their work which is lovely.

It was really good that both teachers were there and both initiated contact with us and offered information

I thought it was great to be able to go into **Ellidhs** classroom and see the progress she has been making . She tells me stories every day about things so it was nice to be able to see what she was talking about.

I found the time in class very informative. The slide show was good and kept **Mrs Miller** and **Mrs Maxwell** on track and on time. Thank you

I thought this would have been an opportunity to see his work in the class and on the walls. But the information given was great

More of these open door events would be good throughout the year

It was really good to see the classroom and meet the teachers and know what they do on a daily basis. However I didn't think there was much time to look around the areas and for **Robbie** to show me what happens in each area a little bit more time would have been good but understand time slots and the staff have homes and families of there own.

An enjoyable, informal opportunity to meet the adults working with my child and put faces to the names. Much appreciated.

Great event, was great to see where **Lewis** does his learning and was great to get about the class and see all the different areas. All the teachers there were very relaxed, approachable and very professional. They gave me lots of information about the school and the learning that is taking place. Thanks very much to all staff involved.

It was nice to see the classroom and meet both teachers **Isla** very much enjoyed showing me around.

Was lovely to see **Louis** classroom and hear about his daily routines. He is loving Primary 1!

Very much welcomed this informal meeting of the teacher and seeing **Rex** in his classroom environment. He seemed assured and confident which was comforting to see.

The last question, but I never asked to where we can help to develop **Lauchlans skills**. I am happy with his development so this is why I never had the need to ask. Love all the learning tools in class and the interactive learning.

Was made to feel very welcome. It was lovely opportunity to be able to see what **AJ** has been learning at school. Thank you.

It was great to meet the teacher and see their classroom. **Ruby** loved showing me her class and talking through some of her work. It also gave the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about their learning.

It was good to hear about the structure of the day. Time constraints meant that it felt rushed but I can also see why the time was split the way it was. **Tillie** enjoyed showing us her classroom, a little more time for this would have been beneficial as we feel it gave her a real sense of connection and belonging being able to do this. A little more informal time in addition to the presentation would have helped.

A little more time to have a look around the classroom would have been nice although I understand the time pressures to keep the flow of parents moving. Presentation delivered was clear and contained good detail.

Thank you for the opportunity to 'meet the teacher' event. **Kirk** had been quite worried over the summer about the move to **5/6** as he was going to be amongst the youngest in the class and thought that **Mr Hamilton** was going to be 'shouty and strict'. The reality has in fact been the opposite, he has had a wonderful start to the new term, hailing **Mr Hamilton** as 'his favourite teacher ever' (sorry **Mrs Welsh**, your crown has been taken) and has loved learning all things science and maths. He's also enjoyed meeting new friends too.

Kirk was excited to show me and his 'pops' around the class and **Mr Hamilton** was very welcoming throughout the session, even giving pops a grandparent lesson in strategies for subtracting using the new method - not the 'old fashioned' way!! The homework overview was great and allows us as a family to support learning at home.

Thanks to all staff at Hallside for facilitating this, as usual going above and beyond - but it really is all these things that make Hallside the brilliant school that it is.

My wife **Sheila** and I came along to the Doors Open Event to see our grandchildren, **Mala and Oscar Sharp** in their respective classrooms. Unfortunately their parents were unable to attend. We found it very informative and enjoyable to see them in their school environment and would like to thank everyone at Hallside for the marvellous work that you are all doing. Many thanks from **Richard and Sheila Sharp**.

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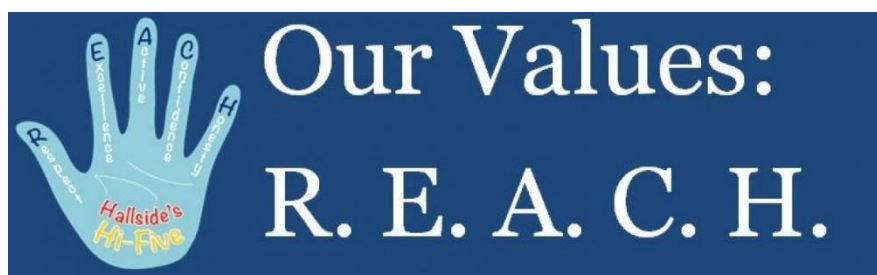
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Total cost is £4886.00

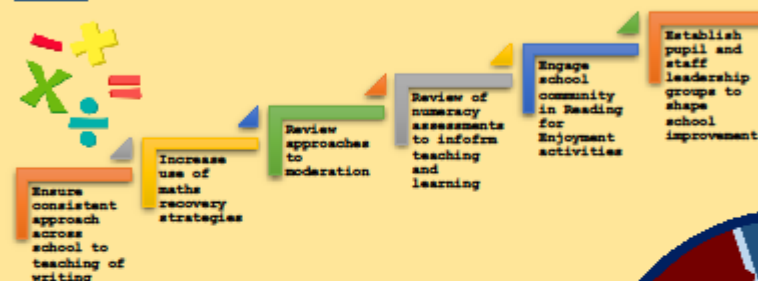
Welcome any comments, questions or suggestions.

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**Priorities and Key Actions
Based on Contextual Analysis**

Priority 1:
National Improve attainment in literacy and numeracy
School Continue to review curriculum and its implementation

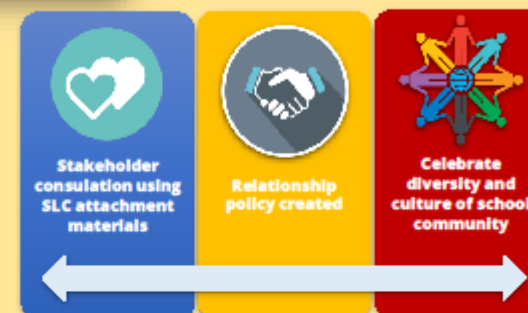


Priority 3:
National Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people
School Foster reading culture within the school community



Strategic Priority	Key Actions	Responsible	Timeline
Strategic Priority 1: Improve attainment in literacy and numeracy	Review curriculum and its implementation	Senior Leadership Team	2023-24
Strategic Priority 2: Improve children, young people and families' health and wellbeing	Develop Attachment Informed Practice consistently across the school community	Senior Leadership Team	2023-24
Strategic Priority 3: Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people	Foster reading culture within the school community	Senior Leadership Team	2023-24
Strategic Priority 4: Improvement in skills and sustained positive school-leaver destinations for all young people	Increase STEM opportunities across all classes	Senior Leadership Team	2023-24

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Priority 2:
National Improvement in children, young people and families' health and wellbeing
School Develop Attachment Informed Practice consistently across the school community



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