

Newsletter December 2024

Welcome Back!

The Parent Council looks forward to organising our annual Welcome Morning on the first day of term in August.

This year we had music, bubbles, our bespoke photo fame and lots of smiling faces. It is such a fantastic way to welcome our new p1s and to kick off the new school in style!



The Parent Council have arranged some fantastic events this term which have raised funds for the pupils of Clermiston Primary School. The money will be put to good use funding school projects and subsidising school trips.

Parent Council Autumn Disco - Thank you to everyone who helped out on the night, to DJ Lithgow for the tunes and especially to the volunteer organising couple.

Halloween and Pumpkin Competition - What a fantastic atmosphere it was on the morning of the Parent Council's annual Pumpkin competition and Halloween dress up. We loved looking at all the brilliant pumpkin creations and all the excellent costumes.

Christmas Fair and Christmas Cards - Thank you to all that helped us achieve this – your efforts were phenomenal!

ASDA School Rewards

Until 30th November, Asda was donating 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Parent Council.

We were pleased to have been part of this great initiative, and we look forward to receiving our funds raised early next year.



Total Raised

Autumn Disco £585

Halloween Pumpkin Competition and Dress Up Day £330

Christmas Fair £3,931

Christmas Cards £1,313

TOTAL RAISED: £6,159



Nursery Windows

Not all heroes wear capes! We are pleased to have supported one of our amazing school dads (and window cleaning company owner) who offered to clean the nursery windows for free! We are so grateful for this kind and generous gesture.

Boutique

The Parent Council continue to be very proud of our uniform Boutique. Please do help yourself to any uniform item that you might need.

Our team of dedicated volunteer helpers are regularly in the school foyer tidying the Lost Property, getting lost uniform items back to their owners and re-stocking the Boutique. It is a lovely way to re-use clothing items and help each other.

This puts us in an excellent position for the start of next term with a fresh and energised team ready to achieve even more.

Family Gardening Day

We had excellent levels of effort at our Family Gardening Day in September. Our school was looking lovely and tidy afterwards - please help keep it that way.

Join us in the spring for more gardening, painting and fun!

We also bought a new sign for our pond to try and keep it clear of sticks!

















Young Engineers – After School Club

The Parent Council were thrilled to launch a new after-school activity, this term, and bring the Young Engineers club to our school.

By using our funds to subside the cost for each child in the first term of the club, we were able to facilitate a full cohort who have had a brilliant time learning and developing their STEM knowledge and skills.

Road Safety & Safe Routes to School

Our dedicated Parent Council members continue to work alongside City of Edinburgh Council representatives to ensure that the streets surrounding our school remain safe and at adequate standards.

This requires constant attention and consistent communication which is no easy task.

Funding for p1

We have been delighted to share that the Parent Council have secured, through the generous donations organised by one p1 family, £650 to offer to the p1 teaching team.

This will be more than sufficient to cover the request from our p1 teachers to find resources in order to replace plants and pots over the year and buy childfriendly science related equipment.

We are so grateful to the work that has gone into sourcing this funding.



The Parent Council have listened to your requests for information and training on anti-racism. We are pleased to announce that we will fund a workshop for Clermiston Primary parents and carers in January 2025. Clermiston Primary parents and carers in January 2025. Monday 27th January 2025 6:30 - 8:30pm The workshop will be delivered online by Show Racism the Red Card. There are only 50 spaces available so please book your space here: Eventuries Ticket The Parent Council will cover the cost, however we kindly ask that if you can no longer attend that you cancel your ticket to allow us to reallocate to others. If the course is over-subscribed, then we will run it again. Further details of the workshop can be found on the Eventbrite page.

Plans for 2025

The Parent Council have listened to requests from parents and will fund a workshop for parents in January on the topic of anti-racism, delivered by Home - Show Racism the Red Card.

Please join us by registering on Eventbrite: <u>Parent Training Workshop: anti-racism (2hours, online)</u>
<u>Tickets, Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite</u>

We are hopeful that we might be able to fund a different workshop every year with this as our first offering.

We have cancelled our PC meeting in January because PC members are enthusiastic to attend the workshop instead.

We also plan to support school by offering a subsidy for class trips in 2025 along offering funding to assist with the cost of the whole school trip to the Lyceum Theatre this Christmas.

PC Email and Other Mediums for Communication

Facebook page: Click Here
Facebook group: Click Here

Facebook Clothing Group: Click Here

Email address: clermistonpc@outlook.com

How do I get involved with the parent council?

- √ Become a member of the Parent Council attend at least 3 meetings per year and contribute to all discussions and decisions.
- √ Come along to a meeting and take part in discussions or just listen in.
- √ Volunteer to help on an ad hoc basis with one of our Subgroups.