

Newsletter

June 2021

Clermiston Primary School
Parent Council

We have made it to the end of another school year and what an incredible year it has been. Well done to everyone for getting through it. Thank you to the school for all their efforts in keeping everyone safe. From all of us on the Parent Council, have a fantastic summer!

Around the World in 31 Days!

What an incredible success! This fundraiser has been one of our most enjoyable to date – it combined getting everyone more active, working together as one community and raising money for playground improvements. Also, in a year when travel is difficult, it allowed us to imagine we were on a tour of the world...

The PC are delighted to announce we smashed our target amount and raised a total of £1,810. We also collectively managed to walk, run, cycle and scoot from Edinburgh all the way to Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, covering a distance of 12,305 kilometres and visiting 32 countries on the way.


Well done to everyone who took part and contributed - we are so proud of you all.


 **12,305 Kilometers**

 **£1,810 Raised**

 **1,291 Form Entries**

 **32 Countries Visited**

 **A bit more rain than we'd have liked**

 **And a whole lot of fun!**



Clermiston Primary

Around the World

In 31 Days



you've done us proud!

Ps: So far we've raised £1660!

Let's Hear From You

The Parent Council received 2 responses to our parental feedback question – thank you to those who got in touch. The opportunity to send us anonymous suggestions remains open, and we welcome all feedback. Alternatively, please do get in touch via email or Facebook, at any time.

In reply to the 2 comments, the best way to keep up to date with life in school is to follow the school's twitter account: [@ClermisontonPS](#). This is where we can find photos and information from what has been happening around school for the children. The school website is also a great place to find lots of useful information. Alternatively, you can catch up with the Headteachers' report from Mr McIntyre and Mrs Forsyth at a PC meeting or read about what was discussed in our minutes. You can find our minutes on our tab of the website: [Clermiston Primary - Parent Council](#).

In reference to clubs at school, once Covid restrictions permit, clubs will start up again at school so, hopefully, we can look forward to that soon.

Finally, there is now a counsellor who has been assigned to work with our cluster of schools (P7-S6). We welcome this development and are pleased to know it is another resource our children can access, if needed. More generally, children continue to be supported in school in a variety of ways.

Gardening Day

Another brilliant success! We hope you have all had a chance to admire the improvements a group of volunteers made to the playground. A lot of digging, planting, tidying and painting took place and we are so grateful to those who could help on the day.

We are hoping to organise another gardening day before the summer holidays (and more next term) so watch out for announcements. We will need to keep these events 'adults only' for the time being but they do present a great opportunity to meet some new parents and enjoy making everything brighter around the school grounds. [Get in touch](#) to volunteer.



We have loved hearing all the children's feedback on the improvements made and we have included some quotes from children here:

P3B *'The painted drains are really colourful, they're not plain anymore.'* *'I like the rainbow shading on the drains.'* *'The bees and new flowers are good.'*

P7A *'We like the pokeballs because we think Pokemon is cool', 'We love the multicoloured path on the way to the bike shed, it's bright and colourful and looks fantastic.'*

P6B *"The flowers for the buzzy bees are beautifully bold and bright!" "It shows how far the school will go to make our surroundings beautiful and noticeable."*

P4B *'We love the colourful benches, bumble bees, Pokeballs and the beautiful flowers. We feel excited about our playground!'*

P5b *'The garden looks great. The flowers brighten up the front of the school. We love all the patterns on the ground.'*

P4A *'Looks really colourful and makes everything more bright. Thank you for making the Wildlife Garden look very nice. We think it is an excellent idea. Thank you for making our school a more colourful place to be. When we go outside we feel magical.'*

Thank You Messages & Farewells

We send our best wishes and big 'thank you' to Orla Irwin for being part of the PC at Clermiston for many years. Orla has been involved in lots of PC initiatives and played a major role in running the Christmas Fairs. We will miss her participation on the PC, but she remains a lovely friend.

We are also incredibly grateful to the gardening day volunteers – we have some excellent artists in our midst. Finally, we all owe a massive debt of gratitude to the organisers of the 'Around the World' challenge - the management of our digital channels, in particular, has been phenomenal!

Mediums of Communication from the School and the Parent Council

For information about life in school:

Twitter: [@ClermistonPS](#)

For new p1s (starting Aug21):

Twitter: [@ClermistonP1](#)

For nursery:

Twitter: [@ClerNursery](#)

For Headteacher updates:

ParentPay emails from Mr McIntyre

Minutes of PC meetings: [Clermiston Primary - Parent Council](#)

For Parent Council updates:

Facebook page:

[Clermiston Primary School Parent Council | Facebook](#)

Facebook group:

[Clermiston Primary School Community run by the Parent Council | Groups | Facebook](#)

Minutes of PC meetings:

[Clermiston Primary - Parent Council](#)

PC noticeboards in playground

PC newsletters (via ParentPay, FB & noticeboards)

Involvement with The Parent Council

How do I get involved or help 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 fundraising ventures.

Get in Touch

Email – clermistonparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook – [Clermiston Primary School Parent Council](#)

Facebook – [Clermiston Clothing – Pass It On](#)



GOOD LUCK PT'S
SCHOOL'S OUT FOR
SUMMER

