



# Clermiston Primary School Parent Council

# Newsletter

March 2021

Well done everyone - we have made it through the winter months and are all very much ready for Spring! It has been a challenging term so we wish you a fantastic Easter holidays and hope for some warm sunshine to enjoy the great outdoors.

## Improvement Plan – The Great Outdoors

The Parent Council, along with help from some of the school children, have drawn up a plan to improve the outdoor spaces around the school. This is where the recent funds raised by the PC will be focused and we are hoping to have some of these put in place soon!

Some of the ideas in the plan are:

- Games & designs painted on the playground.
- Gardening Club to tidy up the grounds, paint picnic tables and plant more.
- Paint the railings surrounding the grounds.
- Purchase dinosaur chalk boards.
- Purchase more bins.
- Build outdoor stage.

## Fundraising

Following our successful fundraising initiatives in the Autumn term, where we managed to raise over £1900, we wish to thank everyone who took part in the Christmas Trail, bought a raffle ticket, bought Christmas cards, tags, mugs and donated for fancy dress at Halloween. Every single pound is so gratefully received and will be put into making improvements for all the children to enjoy at school – **thank you!**



## Gardening Club Donations

We need donations! Please consider buying an extra packet of seeds, another plant or pot of exterior wood paint next time you're at the garden centre. If we all get an extra item, we will have lots to put towards our gardening club. Anything and everything very welcome and gratefully received.

## Gardening Club Volunteers

We need help! We need volunteers to help us tidy up and spruce up the school grounds when the weather is a bit warmer. Please get in touch with us to volunteer and we can make a plan to hold a gardening day (restrictions permitting) where we can all help out and make the grounds a more beautiful space for the children to enjoy.

## Thank You

Congratulations and a huge thank you to Reverend Alistair Keil who retired at the end of February after 32 years as Minister of St Andrews Church, Clermiston. We are very grateful for his contribution to our school and local community and we wish him a relaxing and enjoyable retirement. Alistair received a gift from both the school and the Parent Council along with all our best wishes.

## Dog Fouling

The Parent Council are cooperating with City of Edinburgh Council's Street Enforcement Team to tackle the issue of anti-social dog fouling in the streets surrounding the school, and we have received the following guidance:

**"If you are informing the parent body on how to report dog fouling. They should use the online form: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/dogfouling>**

**Notification is sent to Street Cleansing Team, then to us if there is information regarding offenders.**

**The more information we receive regarding offenders being witnessed the better opportunity we have to be in the area when offences are happening.**

Kind Regards



Street Enforcement Officer"

Please share this information and the link to report as much as you can. The more reports the council receive about our streets, the more likely they are to patrol the area for offenders.

Let's report, report, report – it's in our hands to make this better!

## Let's Hear From You

Clermiston Primary Parent Council would like to better support and represent all our parents and families. What would you like from your Parent Council at Clermiston?

We would like you to talk to your children about the Parent Council and, together, fill in [THIS FORM](#).

Or scan below:



We are open to ALL suggestions - anything you might think is important.

## Members of the Parent Council

Here are some of the volunteers who sit on the PC and their associated year groups. Please talk to us if you have anything you'd like the PC to discuss at our meetings. Or join us – we would love some new members from any year group, and particularly some more p1 and nursery parents.

Nursery: Shabnam Hussain

P1:

P2: Kirsty Gallen, Amanda White, Jennifer Ingles-Jones, Sandra Dargie

P3: Anne Scott, Rachel Liddell, Karen Souza, Emma McLoughlin, Morag Morrison

P4: Alison Lynas, Rita Nogueira, Shabnam Hussain

P5: Charlotte Goldsmith, Morag Morrison, Emma McLoughlin

P6: Neil Gibson, Katie Campbell

P7: Orla Irwin, Shabnam Hussain, Anne Scott

## 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](mailto:clermistonparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk)

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