

# Newsletter

November 2021

Clermiston Primary School  
Parent Council

## Playground Markings

What a fantastic accomplishment by the Parent Council – we are so pleased to have delivered the installations of our new playground markings.

We are also so proud that our new playground markings were funded completely by all our school families through our fundraising events last year. Thank you to everyone for participating in our fundraising events and challenges - you helped make this happen!

It is excellent news; now our children to have these markings to play with, and our fantastic staff can make use of them during outdoor learning.



## Picnic Tables

The PC are delighted to have achieved the upgrade of the picnic area in the back playground. A group of parent, and teacher, volunteers sanded and painted the picnic tables with amazing effect! The tables look transformed and the whole area has been given the improvement it needed. It is now a lovely space for our children to use for outdoor lessons and eating.

On the same day, the volunteers tidied up the playgrounds and added some new artwork to the outdoor spaces – the playgrounds are getting better and brighter all the time. What an amazing effort by all those involved on both days.

## P1 Bags

Our wee p1s are now all happily in possession of their purple homework bags. Funded totally by donations and contributions from the school community last year. Thank you to everyone for helping to give the p1s an excellent start to their school journeys.

## Cars & Parking

Please could everyone do their very best to follow the rules and show respect to others.

It is important that we remember to leave the policing to the Police. If you see any illegal or dangerous actions, please report it to the Community Police.

The planned improvements to Parkgrove Street have been postponed, once again, to Easter 2022. The PC will continue to pursue this with City of Edinburgh Council.

Let's all try our very best to make the healthiest, and most environmentally-friendly, choice for travelling to and from school.



## Dog Fouling

As the mornings and evenings turn darker, the annual issue of dog mess on the local pavements returns. Please use this form to report any dog mess you see.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/dogfouling>

If numerous reports are received on the issue, City of Edinburgh Council will send out the Street Enforcement Officers to tackle the problem.

## Lollipop Crossing – Drumrae North

Unfortunately, our lovely lollipop lady is unwell and hasn't been able to help families cross Drum Brae safely for a few weeks. We are not sure exactly when she will return but we send her our very best wishes.

In the meantime, we have been in contact with City of Edinburgh Council to enquire about a temporary School Crossing Patrol guide for the Drum Brae crossing but that proves difficult for them to arrange on a long-term basis. Therefore the crossing remains without a guide. Please be extra careful when you cross Drum Brae, and explain the situation to your children so they are as safe as possible when crossing the busy road.



## Pumpkin Carving Competition

A hugely successful competition was organised and run by the PC, and Mrs Forsyth, at Hallowe'en.

Thank you to all participating parents for being so supportive and being up for some fantastic Hallowe'en fun. We enjoyed running this competition very much and we hope to be able to repeat it next year.

We are very grateful to those who donated the sweets and chocolates as prizes – you know who you are and you are awesome!

## Fundraising

Following the success of the Hallowe'en dress-up day fundraiser, the PC are planning to have another special fundraising day at the end of November. Keep your eyes peeled for updates, it ought to be a very funny morning! Then, we are planning to do something slightly bigger at Christmas, following on from the Christmas cards sale.

All donations are put towards improvements for the school so the more we raise, the more we have to spend on enhancements for the children to enjoy. Thank you to everyone for every pound donated – you make it all possible.





## Parent Council Plans

The PC have been working with a few of the teachers to identify areas for improvement around school. We are currently researching and planning to purchase new smaller-size bicycles for use in the Bikeability lessons. We hope to have these bikes in the bike shed before Christmas or early next year.

To compliment the new bikes, we are hoping to turn our attention to the bike shed and give it an upgrade in the Spring. We would like to give the shed a makeover with some colourful paint and perhaps some new enhancements. All volunteer painters welcome – contact us if you'd like to be added to the volunteer WhatsApp group. We are always happy to have new parents join us on a Gardening or Painting Day so please get in touch via email or FB.

Finally, the PC are still pursuing an upgrade to the fence which surrounds the school. We have been working with the school management and with City of Edinburgh Council to see what improvements can be made. We are hopeful of some good news on this subject soon.



## New Treasurer

As our lovely Rachel Liddell is stepping down as Parent Council Treasurer in the new year, we have been asking for a volunteer to step into her shoes.

We are all so thankful for Rachel and her efforts as Treasurer. Rachel has worked diligently to keep our PC accounts perfect and we couldn't have achieved anything over the last two years without her. Luckily Rachel is staying on as a member of the PC so we will keep her valuable input and her friendship.

We are delighted that the wonderful Fern Findlay-Greene has kindly offered to take over as Treasurer. We are so happy to welcome Fern to the team, and we are excited for the future with her at the helm of our accounts. An exciting new chapter will soon begin!

We are so proud to have people like Rachel and Fern as part of our school community – their generosity is very special.



## Get in Touch

For information about life in school:

For new p1s (starting Aug21):

For nursery:

For Headteacher updates:

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)

Twitter: [@ClermistonPS](#)

Twitter: [@ClermistonP1](#)

Twitter: [@ClerNursery](#)

ParentPay emails from Mr McIntyre

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



## 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.