



# Clermiston Primary School Parent Council

# Newsletter

March 2022

Spring is finally here and the Clermiston Primary Parent Council couldn't be prouder of our wee school community and our latest achievements. The PC has been very busy recently making many improvements and planning how best to put new ideas into practice.

We do need help though; the more support we receive, the faster we can make things better for all our children and our school community. There are many ways you can help us; from joining our PC as a member to picking up empty packets in the playground and putting them in the bin. Every single act of kindness is an important model for our children and helps brings us together in making things better and better. Thank you to everyone for all your generosity, support and friendship, it means a lot!

## New Bikes

From your generous contributions in the Autumn fundraisers, the Parent Council carried out some market research and purchased some amazing new smaller-size bikes. These will be used by the children in the school Bikeability course and it looks like they very much enjoyed trying them out!

We also used the funds to buy more brand-new helmets, bike hooks and lights for the inside of the bike shed.

We have such a fantastic stock of high quality, new bikes for the children to make use of during their time at school. Thank you to everyone who took part in a fundraiser and helped us to achieve this.



## New Trees

Further putting donations to good use and following a request from the p1 teachers, the PC have bought and planted 4 new fruit trees in the p1 playground. These cherry and plum trees can be enjoyed for years to come as the children, and staff, watch them grow, change during the seasons and, hopefully, produce some tasty fruit!

## Recycling Milk Cartons

The PC, along with Mrs Templeton, are hopeful to fund the new milk carton recycling scheme. This will allow the used milk cartons to be collected by a specialised recycling company and be taken away for recycling (rather than going in the bin). We are hugely thankful to Mrs Templeton for her brilliant idea and her efforts in setting this up for everyone. Thank you Mrs T!

## Bollards & Roads

It has been fantastic to see the 'wee people' – our road bollards – out on Monday mornings. They help so much in reminding everyone to drive safely and park respectfully on Parkgrove St. We do need a few more helpers if we are to increase their frequency on the road so get in touch to volunteer! It is a very easy, 5 minute job that anyone could help with.

We are so grateful to Mr Lithgow and his p5 helpers for diligently putting out the bollards along the road every Monday – what a team!  
Thank you Mr Lithgow!



## PC Surveys

A huge thank you to everyone who filled in either of our 2 surveys in February. We were delighted with the large number of responses and with the results. These results are going to, hopefully, result in the set-up of football coaching, and more action in tackling the parking and roads issues.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information on both subjects coming soon!



## School Football

Following the success of the football survey, the Parent Council are planning to fully fund the initial trial of football coaching for the summer term. This will be available to p4/p5 and p6/p7 and we will use the trial term to see if we can continue football coaching, and maintain a football team, at school indefinitely. We are working hard to put this idea into practice and we need as much help and support as possible.

If you would like to encourage kids to get active by helping out with school football, either by assisting with coaching or admin, please do get in touch to volunteer by emailing the PC email address. A qualified coach will be leading the sessions so no experience is necessary but the more volunteers, the more children will be able to join in.



## Painting & Gardening Team

Another massive shout out goes to the Painting and Gardening volunteers! What a brilliant bunch of hard workers, who have made a massive difference to our school grounds. It is now, quite simply, a nicer place for all the children, staff and parents to be proud of. Fancy rolling up your sleeves and helping us – get in touch!

(We are planning to get *all* the children involved in decorating pebbles to further brighten the reception area soon – keep an eye out for our poster!)

## Clermiston @ Edinburgh Marathon Festival

Representing our wee school at this year's emf, a team of 8 mums will take part as 2 relay teams. We are hoping to have a lot of fun, burn some calories and raise some funds for Clermiston Primary Parent Council. Our JustGiving donations page is now open so please make a donation, if you can: [click here](#).

We would really appreciate your support and motivational encouragement and would also welcome cheering and waving on the day!



### PC Fundraising

There has been such an amazing effort put in by the fundraising team. It was fantastic to see everyone having such fun on crazy hair day, on Hallowe'en dress up and with the Christmas competition. The incredible prizes sourced by the fundraisers for the competition were truly awesome, and we raised a brilliant amount of money in the Autumn term – a combined total of over £2000.

Now we are looking to the future and hoping to organise a Clothing Drive and a Family Fun Run this Spring! We will also try to coordinate other events to enjoy the summer as a community, and raise a few more pounds. If you'd like to make fundraising suggestions or lend a hand, please do get in touch. The more, the merrier!

### PC Members

As we edge towards the end of another school year, we will sadly lose some wonderful members of the Parent Council as their children leave school. This is disappointing for us but presents an amazing opportunity for new members to join us and help make improvements.

Here is a list of our current PC members and their associated year groups. As you can see, it would be brilliant to have a few more dads on the PC and a few fresh opinions:

Nursery: Shabnam Hussain, Jennifer Inglis-Jones

P1: Fern Findlay- Greene, Sandra Dargie, Rachael Lynch

P2: Mary Bisset, Laura Smith

P3: Kirsty Gallen, Amanda White, Jennifer Inglis-Jones, Sandra Dargie

P4: Anne Scott, Rachel Liddell, Karen Souza, Emma McLoughlin, Morag Morrison

P5: Alison Lynas, Rita Nogueira, Shabnam Hussain

P6: Charlotte Goldsmith, Morag Morrison, Emma McLoughlin

P7: Neil Gibson, Katie Campbell

### 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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