

Newsletter November 2022

A wonderfully busy 3 months have been enjoyed by the Parent Council at Clermiston – what an excellent team who have achieved so much! Do you feel like joining us? The more, the merrier so get in touch!



#### **Fantastic Football & Super Strips**

Clermiston Football has now been fully established and the Parent Council are very happy to have facilitated the set-up of our training sessions, and our 2 parent-led teams. A huge 'thank you' goes out to the parent volunteers who assist professional coach, Josh, and those who coordinate the teams – our footballers are lucky to have you! An enormous shout out goes to **Edinburgh Books** who have generously sponsored the purchase of a new set of strips for the p5 team. This means that all players, in both teams, have a strip to proudly play in. This is a hugely generous gesture and we absolutely love how good they all look!

#### **Parking Bollards Return**

Thank you to the marvellous Mr Lithgow, and his p5s, for getting the bollards back out on the road on Mondays. Thank you also to the fabulous four parents who put them away safely every week after drop-off. This style of quiet, diligent work for the safety of our school community is selflessly amazing.

#### **Drumbrae Crossing**

The PC have been working with CEC to try and fill the patrol crossing vacancy at Drum Brea North. Unfortunately, the post remains vacant so we need everyone to help spread the word and encourage anyone interested to apply in the next round of advertising. We would love to see our lollipop crossing back in operation.

### **Phenomenal Fundraising**

The fundraisers are smashing the fundraising this term! We've already had Crazy Hair Day (brilliant fun!), Halloween Dress-Up Day (spooktacular!) and we are planning a Ragbag Clear Out Day and a phenomenal Christmas Fair.

So far this term, we have raised **£384** and we are looking forward to raising more at the Christmas Fair.

The amount of work that goes into all these events is enormous. It cannot be overstated and we should all thank the fundraisers enormously. Join them to help and plan joyous events for all – there are already some good ideas in the pipeline for 2023!



# **PC Funding & Subsidies**

The PC are delighted to have paid £3,000 to school to help subsidise school trips this year. We have requested every child in school can go on, at least, one class trip this academic year and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures out and about! We have also purchased our p1s their new homework bags and funded the Drummer at Lagganlia for our p7s.

Additionally, in our wonderful cooperation with Mrs Henderson and the Equalities & Equity group, the PC have bought £200 worth of books for school. These books will support all children at school in their understanding of equality & equity and help the group with their ideas and future plans.



### Uniform Boutique & Lost Property

What a fantastic improvement to the lost property situation at school. In place of a large pile of clothes and items, we now have 2 different areas so everyone can look for missing items clearly and calmly. Lost property is small selection of unnamed items nicely organised by the dinner hall. While the Boutique rail offers, free of charge, any item of uniform that you might need. All items are clean and in good condition; made up from donations and unclaimed long-lost property. Please come and have a browse in the Boutique and remember to name absolutely everything that goes to school. The PC are happily working alongside Mrs Gilhooley, Mrs Paterson and Mrs Labate with returning named items to their owners and running the Boutique.

### **Fabulous Fence**

What an amazing success story! Following a determined mini-campaign to have our school fence upgraded, we are thrilled to have a sleek, shiny black fence in place of our old one.

Our thanks go to school management for supporting us with this, and to our local Councillor, Euan Hyslop, who helped to make sure the work was carried out during the summer holidays.

We believe it to be a lovely boost for our school community – exactly what we deserve. If you see any other facilities issues that need attention, get in touch with us and we will hatch a plan to improve!



## **Divide & Conker**

This lovely initiative by the PC enables families to look after a bit of the school grounds as a 'mini allotment'. What a brilliant way to help out, to improve our playground areas and to help our natural environment flourish.

We are thrilled to have had a few volunteers already choose their planters – what a big-hearted and brilliantly kind act. Get in touch if you'd like to choose yours!

#### **Hedge Planting**

Alongside the amazing Mrs Akhtar, the PC gardening subgroup has been busy this term planning and executing the planting of our new hedge along our new fence. We will continue to help our natural environment thrive and try to make our school to look its very best!





#### PC Support for In-school Groups & Initiatives

The Parent Council are pleased to have been involved in various groups within the school. We were asked to support p1 Stay & Explore, be part of the Equalities & Equity Group with the children, and assist with plans to improve our school's Attendance Strategy. We are pleased to have been able to support all three requests (our PC members are really wonderful) and have enjoyed supporting these initiatives hugely. We would welcome more requests from school and more parents into our PC family.

# Clermiston Primary School Christmas Fair

Saturday 10th December 10am - 12noon

# We need your help!

Can you help run a stall? Do you have an idea for a stall? Can you help set up the day before? Can you help on the day?

These events cannot run themselves and we need some more help! Please drop us a message on facebook or email <u>clermistonparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk</u> and let us know how you can support the Christmas fair.

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