

# Loirston Primary School Parent Council Newsletter

We would like to say a big hello to all parents/carers and pupils. Our AGM was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September where our new office bearers were elected, as well as the introduction of a fundraising subgroup, to allow the parent council to focus more effectively in working with the school community on matters affecting the education and welfare of our children.

Below is an introduction to the new committee members, a summary of why it is important we have a parent council, what our aspirations are for the year and how you can get involved.

## **PARENT COUNCIL OFFICE BEARERS**

### **Chairperson – Kelly Gordon**



I have been part of the parent council as treasurer since September 2015 when my daughter started in P1. I am excited about my new role and would like to encourage parents to let us know what you would like your parent council to focus on.

### **Vice- Chairperson – Jacqueline Murdoch**



I have been part of the parent council since September 2015 since my oldest daughter started P1. I also have a daughter in P2. This is my second year as vice-chairperson. I enjoy supporting the parent council.

### **Treasurer – Emma Kennedy**



I have been part of the parent council since September 2014, having previously held positions as Treasurer and Secretary. I have a daughter in P6 and a son in P4. I look forward to the year ahead and being part of our ever-evolving parent council.

### **Vice- Treasurer- Fleur Tarling**



I have been part of the parent council since September 2015 since my oldest daughter started P1. I also have a son in P2. My most recent role was as chairperson and vice chairperson prior to that. I enjoy supporting the parent council.

### **Secretary – Karen Strachan**



I have been part of the parent council since September 2013, having previously held position as secretary. My oldest daughter in P6 and youngest in P4. I enjoy volunteering at events and supporting the parent council.

## **Contact Us**

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Parent Council  
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## **YOUR OPINION MATTERS**

“The more engaged parents are in the education of their children, the more likely their children are to succeed in the education system”

## **2018 Next Meeting Dates**

**3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018  
14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

## **Upcoming Fundraising 2018 Activities**

**Personalised Christmas  
stationary**

**Halloween Disco - 30<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Christmas Fayre – 1<sup>st</sup> Dec**

## **PARENT COUNCIL - FUNDRAISING SUBGROUP**

Members – Emma Kennedy, Shonagh Neave, Jacqueline Murdoch, Kelly McGrogan, Vicky Ross, Gillian Robertson, Karen Strachan, Stacey Greer, Ann Proctor, Alison Sherriffs, Shona Robertson and Claire Cowe.

The purpose of this group is to agree, organise and run the fundraising events on behalf of the parent council. A representative from the subgroup reports back to the parent council at each of the parent council meetings. Fundraising is a key role of the parent council, as this ensures we can financially support the school with additional resources when budgets are constrained. Fundraising activities have included discos, Christmas Fayre, Easter Bingo and much more. Funds raised for the school have recently been used to purchase musical instruments and the new dash and dot robots to complement learning in ICT.

Any way you can offer support towards our activities is greatly appreciated. Whether it's parents and/or children attending and having fun at events, volunteering your time to help at events, letting us know your great fundraising ideas, we welcome your participation.

### **OUR PURPOSE (per our parent council constitution) IS TO:**

- work in partnership with the school to create a welcoming environment, which is inclusive for all parents/carers.
- promote partnership between the school, its pupils, parents/carers and the community.
- develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of our children;
- identify and represent the views of parents/carers on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of our children;
- work with the school and local authority in the recruitment process of higher management.

### **OUR ASPIRATIONS ARE:**

- to provide a voice for parents/carers, in school and in our local authority, on issues that are important to us and our children.
  - ❖ By engaging with parents through meetings/email/in person this will allow us to understand what our parents/carers want our focus areas to be;
- to engage with the school in identifying how to most effectively involve our parents/carers in our children's learning and in the life of the school.
  - ❖ By working with the school on the continued improvement in the curriculum and ensuring our parents/carers have an opportunity to understand the curriculum;
- to support the school in developing strong home/school partnerships.
  - ❖ By supporting parents/carers with resources to understand and achieve this.
- to support the school in promoting and encouraging links within the wider community.
  - ❖ By understanding the improvement plans and actions whilst engaging with local groups and local businesses.
- to capture the unique and varied skills, interests, knowledge and experience that parents/carers and family members can offer.
  - ❖ By working with the school on opportunities for parental/carer involvement/engagement.

## **OUR FUTURE**

***Come along, get involved, be part of making a difference.***

**MEMBERSHIP** - The parent council aspires to include at least one representative from each year group. Membership is open to any parent/carer of a child being educated at Loirston Primary school.

**ATTENDING MEETINGS** - Parents/carers of a child being educated at Loirston school can attend meetings of the Parent Council and or fundraising committee and participate fully in discussions. If you wish to be involved but cannot attend meetings, please let us know.

**AGENDAS/MINUTES** - Copies of our agendas and the minutes of our meetings are issued to all parents through the school blog, the official Facebook page and are published on the parent council noticeboard.