

Papdale parent council meeting

Monday 6th February 2017

6pm Gp Room

PRESENT Julia Sherriffs, Diane Clark, Anthea Hume, Nicola Reid, Angela Crawford, Ruth Drever, Rachal Thomson, Jane Bruce, Kevin Balfour

1. **APOLOGIES** Inga Allan, Leah Rendall, Shona Gray, Jo Tait, Claire Louttit, Karyn Tait
2. **Minutes of 5/12/2016** were proposed by Julia and seconded by Anthea. Discussion about pellets on the 3G pitch, Kevin confirmed the pellets are of a safe standard so no further action required.

Jane confirmed they have started adding some more art work in the entrance to the school and it is an ongoing project.

The Xpressions app has 118 users at present. The app will be promoted on social media and perhaps a stall at the upcoming parents evening to encourage others to use it as it saves the school money. However there are some issues with the app if the message is not read within 5 minutes of it being sent then a text message is also sent. **ACTION Kevin to see if he can delay the text message being sent to more than 5 minutes retrieval time on the app.**

3. Head Teacher Report

There have been Therapet visits in certain classes where dogs and their owners come in to talk about ways to interact with dogs and there is hope that dogs helping with dyslexia maybe introduced. This will be for P5/6 and is where a child reads aloud to a dog.

P6 are to have visits surrounding children's rights and global goals, from charity workers from Aberdeen. They have worked with communities in Africa and will talk about their experiences. P6 are also to have visits from Parliament outreach at Holyrood.

There will be a bowling taster session for P7.

Fun Four Football coaching for P3 will also be happening, Tesco funds this and a competition happens after the Easter Holidays on the all weather pitch and PE hall.

It is thought likely that a new language will be introduced after the summer probably Spanish.

The Steel pans are going to be tuned this term.

P3 will be doing a literacy project with an author and artist.

Some work is in the planning for the celebration of 900 years since St Magnus died.

The dedicated space set up as a nurturing base in the GP room is being used for children with socioemotional difficulties with a small room and space where children can relax and are helped by staff. More work needs to be done to continue to develop this area and the groups who access it.

In-service for three days on the Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Monday 20th February.

4. The school disco went well in January. A few points were raised about smoothing the process out for the next disco.
 - Children will enter via the bottom door but leave out the top door.
 - Mobile phones will not be allowed at the disco as is the same as school policy and this will be added to the adverts.

- It is hoped that one representative of staff from each year group will be available for each disco
- There will be a minimum of 8 adults for each disco

The fundraising committee for Lagganlia are holding a disco on Friday 10th February Kevin will pass on details of the parent council members for advice if required.

5. Any other business

There is a lot of money in the bank account so the school is asked to consider what they need. It was felt more IPADS, items for the nurturing room, video camera for the nursery, extra bus needed for the Lagganlia trip, **Action: Kevin and Jane to determine what items are required and provide a costing to the parent council and buy the items required.**

Julia had heard about a European Tree of the Year voting on the Radio, the web address is www.treeoftheyear.org where you nominate your choice of tree to win and she wondered whether it would be something the school would be interested in getting involved in. **Action: Jane and Kevin to look in to this and inform teachers.**

Parents evening is March 22/23 It was felt that with the large amount of funds in the bank for the parent council it would be offered that the Lagganlia fundraising group could provide the staffing of this to gain funds. **Action: Kevin to liaise with Lagganlia fundraisers to see if they would like to run the stalls and raffles etc. If they are not interested in doing it the parent council will run the parents evening stalls.** It was suggested that an information stand about the Xpressions app could be on display at the parents evening encouraging more parents to use the app.

Date of next meeting 24th April 2017 6pm.

The meeting closed at 7:10pm