

## Friends of Glaitness School

### Glaitness School Parent Council

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#### Here's an update from our Parent Council meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022:

- Parent's Evening is going to be 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November - we will have a stand set up at these Parent's Evenings so you can get to know what we do as a Parent Council and we'll also have Citizen's Advice there to provide some financial advice.
- We discussed school uniform and the desire to have more children in school uniform each day. We've suggested the school gather some feedback from children and parents over this term and then provide some guidance for parents.
- The school is in the process of producing some useful internet safety guidance.
- Children in Need is the 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – there will be dressing up and a dance show!
- The school community is continuing to work towards Net Zero and there will be many opportunities to share ideas about how we can make a difference. Let's all embrace the challenge set by our own Net Zero Heroes!
- The Halloween disco was a great success. Thanks to everyone who took part. We got some great feedback including a lovely handwritten letter from 2 pupils!
- Extra-curricular Sports: After our free trials things are now underway again in Netball, Badminton and Football. Thanks to Scapa Contractors for sponsoring the netball kit and to Alice Peace for joining the coaches. The netball team would still like to bring another volunteer or two on-board so please get in touch if you can help.
- We now have most classes covered with parent reps except P1/3 and P2,3,7. If you are a parent of this class and can help, please get in touch.
- The school are looking to get parents involved in the School Improvement Plan which sets out our 3 priorities for the year ahead:
  1. Listening & Talking
  2. Quality of Learning & Teaching
  3. Connecting the school community (+Health & Wellbeing)  
[http://www.orkney.co/glaitness/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/WA\\_Glaitness-Primary-2021-22-SQR-2022-23-ScIP.pdf](http://www.orkney.co/glaitness/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/WA_Glaitness-Primary-2021-22-SQR-2022-23-ScIP.pdf)
- Similarly, the nursery have set out their priorities:
  1. Personalised support
  2. Listening & Talking
  3. Health & Wellbeing.  
<http://www.orkney.co/glaitness/glaitness-nursery-sqr-21-22-and-scip-22-23/>
- The school have signed up to UNICEFs Rights Respecting Schools Programme and are working towards our Bronze status. The bairns are very enthusiastic about this and hope to reach gold status over the next 2 or 3 years. For more info visit:  
<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

- There's also a national consultation on education going on called *Let's Talk* which the school are keen for us to feed into and will be arranging sessions to have your say.  
<https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/national-discussion-on-education/>
- Our lottery has just met it's target and we are set to raise around £1500 per year for the school. Thanks to everyone who signed up but there's always room for more! There's a chance to win cash every week or a PS5 bundle this December.  
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/glaitness-school>
- We are going to be in the Blue Door in January so please keep hold of any potential donations and we'll be in touch again soon.
- There has been some disappointing incidents where "screenshots" of private social media group chats amongst parents have made their way back to staff. One of the school rules we ask of the children is to be respectful and we ask that parents model this behaviour too. Friends of Glaitness would encourage you to raise any concern directly with the school. Social media and group chats are a vital way of communicating nowadays but please, be kind, always and before tapping *send*, ask yourself if your message is something you'd be happy to say out loud in public, or directly to the person or people being discussed.