



NEWTONGRANGE PS PC MEETING – minutes

LOCATION: Newtongrange Primary School	
DATE: 7 th November 2022, 7pm	
PRESENT: Catsby Moffat (chair), Alison Lyles (minutes), Josie Isles, Ben Miller, Liz McCabe, Julia Gossip, Laura Cameron, Kerry Dolan, Michael Wyllie.	
APOLOGIES: Kirsty Hirst, Rebecca McCosh, Sarah Burrell, Tricia McNicol, Ashwyn Melmoth, Pam Cook, Kirstie Corbett, Candice Wyllie	
MATTERS ARISING:	ACTION
1.Minutes from last meeting	
Parental/community/fundraising contacts – to be revisited at future meeting.	
Angel tree – to be revisited later in the academic year.	
School communication update – Seasaw to be reinstated; paperwork/permissions to be undertaken with school community. Further communication will be sent out in due course.	
<u>2. School update</u>	
Staffing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lovely retirement celebrations for Lynda Thompson • Welcomed back Becca Thomson after October break • Lynsay Mitchell will be going on mat leave, SFL PT temp post to be advertised internally School Improvement Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIP Summary • Literacy: Book Week coming up – Library visits, classes creating their own books, meeting with PT for ASG to discuss support with Reading Comprehension, new planners for Literacy being trialled in some classes. PM Benchmarking resource shared and used across the school to support with assessments. New reading books arrived for Non Fiction. • Numeracy: In-service Day training on new Numeracy Planners, Education City Training for staff • HWB: CAT session on Rights Respecting Schools, classes making class charters linked to rights, surveys carried out, parent survey will be shared too. DMG focus on school charter and ensuring there is a shared understanding of Rights across the school. Additional Nurture groups added to the timetable. Linking in Antibullying with books week tasks – Listen up – Respect our Rights. Next focus on Building Resilience launched at assembly– Keep Connected 	



- **Digital:** Read and Write tool training for staff, Seesaw update, P1 ipads

What has been happening? 24 days since our last meeting....

- Meet the Teacher
- School Photographs
- Allergies and Asthma training
- Moderation session with staff focussing on assessment data
- SLT Class visits
- All multiagency/child planning meetings have taken place
- Work experience students from Newbattle
- Quality Assurance Visit – very positive feedback
- Harvest assembly –P5 and Reverend Gayle
- Homework survey
- Inservice day – numeracy planning, feedback and homework plans
- Decision Making Groups – Groups have been shared with whole school and classes have created action plans
- Local Councillor, Ellen Scott came for a visit
- Proposal for funding for bike storage area has been submitted
- Halloween Celebrations
- ELC Pumpkin Bash – 42 families joined for this
- Extra - Curricular Clubs have started
- Flu vaccines for P1 – P7
- P5 skiing
- P7 Playmaker
- Students from China visiting

What is coming up?

- Parent Consultations 8th and 9th November
- Soft start – P1
- High School Visit – P7
- Music student
- Movie celebration for recognition board/ New recognition board
- Remembrance Assembly – P6/7 and P7
- Book Week Scotland, Road Safety Week, Internet Safety Week
- P7 at Mining museum take over
- More excursions
- Class assembly – P5/6 and P6
- Children in Need
- P7 Risk Factory – December
- Christmas Celebrations

3. PTA update

Halloween bake sale made £280 approx
 Christmas cards ordered - £300 approx raised from Christmas card sales:
 orders will be distributed within the next few weeks.



It was acknowledged that the timing of school photos and Christmas card sales was unfortunate in terms of costs and we will consider this for next year.

School winter fayre planned for Saturday 12th November with lots of fun and games.

Sponsored bounce booked for 30th March 2023

This year so far the PTA have contributed funds to the school for the ongoing costs of the school app as well as the panto visit this term.

LC asked if the PTA might be able to release funds for the whole school Christmas parties in order that the school would provide a small snack and drink to each child. Those present at the meeting were in agreement.

BM enquired as to whether the school had provided a wishlist of any items that the school might want or need in order to consider a specific fundraising stream. LC/KD explained that they would look into this.

4. Playground fundraising

Kerry Dolan gave an update regarding a recent meeting with LoveOutdoorLearning who have provided some provisional advice with regards to staff training and potential grant funding for playground improvements. There was some discussion surrounding the various aspects relating to playground fundraising – there is a staff training need in order to improve confidence in staff for outdoor learning; there are basic improvements to the outdoor learning/ play space at the school that are required in the short term and there are longer term sustainable improvements which require substantial investment. The group agreed that staff training needs and funds perhaps need to be considered as a theme within the school improvement planning for AY 23-24.

It was agreed that the best way forward was to plan an online meeting with those members of the parent body who are interested in taking fundraising for the larger scale investment forward in December. At this meeting an action plan and jobs allocated within the parent body including election of lead individual to liaise and report back to the formal parent council meetings.

Meeting arranged for 12th December 2022 online

AOCB

Nil raised

Date of next meetings:

PTA: 2nd December 2023

Parent Council: 6th February 2023