



Abbeyhill Primary School

Parent Council AGM

14th June 2017

What is a Parent Council?

Our Parent Council enables parents to meet, share ideas and feed back to the school. It gives a voice to the wider parent, carer and guardian forum and encourages us to contribute to school decision making on issues which affect us all.

Currently we meet twice a term, around September, November, January, March, May and June (AGM). Our meetings are generally held in the evening and are based around a pre-agreed agenda which contains issues that have been raised by the parent forum.

We arrange a number of events throughout the year and any proceeds raised are used to reinvest into the school. We are a small core of volunteers who are supported by a wider group of parent helpers that assist us as and when they can. All help, no matter how small, is gratefully received.

2016/2017 Achievements

- We have updated the PC Constitution (available online at the PC wordpress site)
- Arranged and provided decorations for th
- Halloween Disco
- Delivered 2 successful Uniform Exchanges
- Engaged with Edinburgh City Council and Councillors about the future of the Janitors House, demolition has now been confirmed
- Issued correspondence about the policing of the School Streets Scheme to Road Safety Team at Edinburgh City Council
- We took part in 'Pitch for £500' at the Edinburgh Tool Library, we were unsuccessful but have forged a relationship with the Tool Library which should enable us to carry out the proposed biodiversity garden fence project
- We covered the costs for the transportation required for the school wide trip to the Pantomime 2016 and the Children's Festival 2017
- Abbeyhill Primary School branded t-shirts have been purchased for use at school sports events

- We are working with the staff RACI group to work on funding applications/strategy to aid with the improvement of the school grounds
- Undertaken a Parent/Carer Survey (2016) focusing on milk and school based extracurricular clubs/classes
- The Winter Talent Competition at Edinburgh Palette (St Margaret's House) was a success with school wide participation and attendance
- The Artist in Residence Programme has continued with the following artists working with Nursery – P7:
Helena Barrett, Jolanta Dolewska, Tom Flint, , Ailsa Lochhead, Tessa Lynch, Claire McAllister, Nedyalka Panova, Poppy Richards, Eleanor Robertson, Marilyn Wilson and Anna York
- Following the undertaking of Edinburgh City Council training, the PC Treasurer and Secretary were invited to take part in the interview process for the appointment of the acting Head Teacher post for 2017/18.

2016/2017 Funding & Current PC Balance

Payments In	In	Out
Colony of Artist 2016	£107.40	
Halloween Disco Oct 2016	£119.00	
Uniform Exchange 2016/17	£36.50	
Winter Talent Show Dec 2016	£191.00	
Pantomime Transport		£454.00
School Sports T-shirts		£270.00
Children's Festival Transport 2017		£62.44
Nursery End of Term Trip		£100.00
Total Balance		£ 1,908.63

Proposed Activities for 2017/18

- Children's Parliament Project
- SportsScotland MUGA application
- Christmas Calendar (school wide competition, sales to raise funds for year round activities)
- 3 x Uniform Exchanges
- Provide funds to cover the band fees for the P7 Ceilidh
- The Artist in Residence Project 2016/17 will be culminating at 12th Colony of Artists (23/24 Sept 17) including + Dazzled a one-off live performance on Sun 24th

- The Project will continue into 2017/18 with Tessa Lynch and Clare McAllister confirmed and other exciting opportunities await funding confirmation. Thanks to Iliyana Nedkova for continuing her dedication to delivering this school wide project.
- Continue with funding applications for works to the school grounds
- Winter/Summer Event (to be agreed)
- Provide funds for 2017 pantomime trip (tbc)
- Provide funding for 2018 transport to the Children's Festival (tbc)

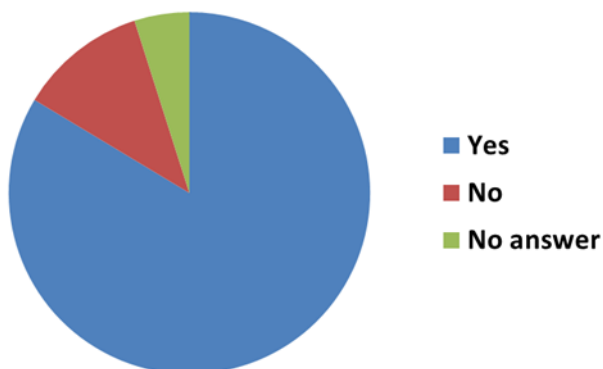
Proposed dates for 2017/2018 Meetings

Wednesday 6 th Sept 2017	6:30 – 8pm
Wednesday 15 th Nov 2017	6:30 – 8pm
Wednesday 24 th Jan 2018	6:30 – 8pm
Wednesday 7 th Mar 2018	6:30 – 8pm
Wednesday 2 nd May 2018	6:30 – 8pm
Wednesday 20 th June 2018	6:30 – 8pm 6:30 – 8pm

2016 Survey Results

In November 2016 we conducted a survey at Parents Evening, asking questions about full fat milk/yoghurt, the school healthy eating policy, clubs and activities and PC events.

61 were completed by Primary & Nursery Parents/Carers, highlighting the desire for pupils to be offered full fat products.



Would you prefer your child to receive full fat milk and yoghurt?

84% - Yes 14% - No 2% - No Answer

During 2017/18 we will work with the school to see if we can present our findings and concerns to the City of

Edinburgh Council and establish whether or not full fat options can be provided under their current arrangements with Edinburgh Catering Services

How to Contact Us:

There is a PC noticeboard in the playground near the infant building where we post copies of meeting dates, agenda and minutes, event posters and other useful information including photos of post holders and regular volunteers.

Email us: abbeyhillparentcouncil@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook: [abbeyhillparentcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/abbeyhillparentcouncil)

Minutes:

<https://abbeyhillparents.wordpress.com/>



Leave us a message in the PC pigeon hole at the school or grab any of us in the playground after school.



We wish all the current P7 pupils good luck with their transitions to secondary school and our best wishes to Mrs Ketchin on the impending arrival of a new addition to her family. We hope all the pupils and the parent forum have a great summer, from all at the Abbeyhill PC.

Thanks to Lorna Brown, Janina Costa, Emma Douse, Andrew Gleeson, Vlad Hasiu, Yvonne Houston, Charlotte and Stan Intihar, Iliyana Nedkova, Karen and Oliver Ridgewell, Lisa and Liam Tansey and all pupils, parents/carers and staff that have been able to assist us and attend events over 2016/2017. Your help is invaluable and is much appreciated.