



Abbeyhill Primary School Parent Council Chair Report

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This report covers items that have not been raised as separate agenda items for the meeting.

Thanks from the Chair

Halloween Parties

Massive thanks to Mel Chuprasova, Melissa Sturgeon, Ann Pratt and all the staff and parent volunteers who organised the Halloween parties. All who attended had a fantastic time and the screams from the scary corridor were so loud you could hear them half way up Abbey Street!

Uniform Collection for Ukrainian Refugees

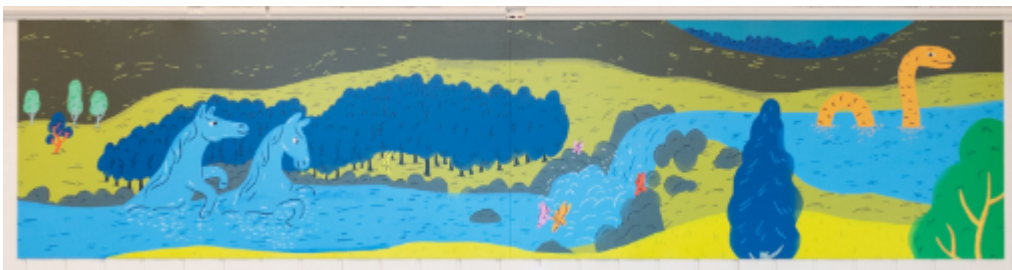
Thanks to Siân Harris for her work providing uniform for Ukrainian children currently enrolled at Victoria Primary. We were able to provide 13 complete uniform sets for girls in P4-P7, which was the area of greatest need. We were also able to donate a number of bikes to be used by the children. These had previously been donated to Abbeyhill by Network Rail prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.

AiR Garden pARTy

Thanks to Ali Morris and Kei Taniguchi for baking and helping on the pop up cafe during the day. Thanks also to Mr Forrest for filling up the urn so we didn't run out of hot water! The cafe made £313.17, which has been ring fenced to help provide art materials for school. We now have over £650 set aside for this and can't wait to see what school chooses to spend this on.

Playground Decoration

The Edinburgh International Book Festival recently offered to donate 3 large vinyl banners from the Children's area of the Festival to schools. We have been lucky enough to secure all of these for the school. These will be delivered in early December and will hopefully bring some much needed extra colour to the fenced area beside Brand Place and in the library.





Parent Council Dates for 2022/2023

Parent Council meetings for the remainder of the session

Tuesday 07 February 2023 18:30 - 20:00

Tuesday 02 May 2023 16:00 - 17:30

Tuesday 06 June 2023 - AGM followed by standard meeting 18:30 - 20:00

Parent Council Roles

Website Administrator

Kei Taniguchi has agreed to take on the position of Website Administrator for the Parent Council. Kei has experience of building and running his own websites and will use this to help us update the PC website and improve how we use the website as a key communication tool. This will include the building of the skills register.

At the current time Kei will not become a member of the Parent Council and will not have Parent Council voting rights.



Treasurer

The Treasurer post remains vacant and we are still looking for someone that is keen to get more involved in the Parent Council to take on this role. Anyone interested should contact the Parent Council in person or via email and we can share more details of what the role involves.

Chair Activities

Edinburgh Parental Involvement Group

Locality meetings are now up and running. These are still finding their rhythm following the May council election. The first meetings have focused on how the Parental Involvement process in Edinburgh should work, with a focus on explaining how parents are represented at the Consultative Committee with Parents (CCwP) and the Education, Children and Families Committee (ECFC). These meetings are a chance for parent representatives from across the city to meet and share what our parent forums are telling us is important.

The first CCwP of this session is due to be held at 6pm on Tuesday 08 November.

National Discussion on Education

You'll have seen from email and the posters around the school that Scotland is currently holding a once in a generation conversation on the future of Education. This is an amazing opportunity for everyone in Scotland to input to what our education system will look like, which directly affects all of our children. Individuals can complete the survey via:

<https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/national-discussion-on-education/>

The Parent Council will be holding in person and virtual discussion groups for the parent forum over 2 weeks from 14 November. Please take the opportunity to join one of these if you don't want to submit an individual response.