



Abbeyhill Primary School Parent Council Chair Report

Contents of the Report

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

Thanks from the Chair

Fundraising Calendar

Massive thanks to Mhairi Scott, P7 parent, and Abi Flowers, P7 Teacher, for all their help and support with the fundraising calendar this year. Mhairi is the parent that first had the idea for the fundraising calendar and has been involved in gathering sponsorship and helping with sales every year since. As Mhairi's youngest child will be leaving in June this will be the last year that Mhairi will be able to be involved in this activity. We thank her for all her hard work both this year and in the previous years that have helped to make the calendar possible.

Thanks also to the P7 House Captains and P6 Vice Captains for their support with sales at the Lost Property and Nativity events. P7 in particular did an amazing job of selling 20% of the calendar stock on the day!

Parent Council Secretary

Thanks to Siân Harris for her work in the Secretary role this year. Unfortunately due to a change in circumstances Siân has decided to step down from the role.

Parent Council Roles

Secretary

With Siân standing down this key role is now vacant. The Secretary supports with general Parent Council administration as well as helping to organise the Parent Council meetings and taking minutes. The role can be split between more than 1 person. If you'd be interested in the role, or taking on some aspects of it, please contact the Parent Council in person or via email and we can share more details of what the role involves.

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.

Fundraising Activity

Sales of the Abbeyhill Fundraising Calendar appear to be significantly down on last year. There are around 60 calendars remaining, compared with around 30 from the 2022 calendar. We'll be conducting a survey with the Parent Forum shortly to understand whether the calendar continues to be an appropriate fundraising activity. A full report will be presented at the next parent Council meeting in May.

Playground Decoration Update

The banners donated to the school by the Edinburgh International Book Festival arrived in late November. As fencing around the football pitch and nursery garden areas are due to be replaced this year (hopefully over the Easter holidays) the banners have not been hung yet. We'll hopefully



be able to get these up ahead of our Summer garden party to add some much needed decoration to this area of the playground.

Road Safety Banners

Parent Dave Pratt has offered to paint some banners to remind parents and carers not to stop on Brand Place for drop off and pick up. Dave will be using materials left over from the AiR mural in front of the Janitor's house area and the rear of 2 of the banners donated by the book festival. These will hopefully be ready soon.

Skills Register

The Abbeyhill [skills register](#) is now ready and live on the Parent Council website. The skills register was first proposed a year ago to give members of the Parent Forum and wider Abbeyhill community an opportunity to tell us about skills they would be willing to share. It is hoped this will make it easier to find people with the right skills to help with Events, Projects and other Parent Council activities and will play an important role in helping to rebuild our community of volunteers post-Covid.

Parent Council Dates for 2022/2023

Parent Council meetings for the remainder of the session

Tuesday 02 May 2023 16:00 - 17:30

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

Chair Activities

Edinburgh Parental Involvement Group

There have been no locality meetings since the last Parent Council meeting. The recent meeting that had been arranged to discuss lost learning was cancelled at short notice. The council communication around the meeting and its cancellation was poor. This is unfortunately part of a trend around communication from the Council with the Parent Representative group. This has been raised as a point that parent representatives wish to discuss at the next Locality meetings in early March.