

St Mary’s RC Primary

Parent Council Minutes

Present:

Lauren Fairley, Erin Anderson (Community Development Worker), Diane Plenderleith, Miss Pritchard, Mrs Kellock, Maria Gaffney, Michelle Brown, Alana Sneddon, Susan Lavery, Liz Fanning.

Apologies:

Helen Corrigan.

Mrs Kellock introduced Erin Anderson to the PC. He has filled the role of Community Development Worker for Polbeth. We hope to have good links between him and Alicia our Family Support Worker.

**HT Report**

Safe Access to school

A working group has been set to look at the safe arrival to school of our pupils. As a school we are extremely worried about pupils walking through the car park as an access route to and from school. Concerns have also been raised about the number of gates opened in the morning and we do not have enough members of staff to man each gate. The group have worked to establish safe access to and from school. It has been decided to Lock the gate at Fells Road in the morning therefore access paths to be used in the morning are next to the chip shop and the path at the vets.

The car park is for taxi drop off only and should not be used by parents to drop children at school.

A letter will be sent out to parents and we are looking for any comments and ideas.

School Improvement

A great deal of money has been spent on the outside of the school.

We are hoping to introduce a garden area at the back of the school which pupils will be able to work in.

We also hope to upgrade the woodland area at the back of the nursery so that children can go into and use. A group has to be brought in initially to safely clear the area before any work can be done on it.

Outdoor education is a significant area for learning and we have bought in resources so that whole classes can be taken outside in all weathers; class set of wellies and waterproofs. Staff will start to take classes outdoors to do work for a variety of curriculum areas such as maths and literacy.

School Survey

This has been sent out to all parents and Mrs Kellock is very keen to hear from as many parents and carers as possible.

100 Years Catholic Education

This year is he 100th anniversary of Catholic Education in Scotland. There will be a national Mass on the 14th June and all P5,6 and 7 pupils will attend.

**Bunny Bingo**

Takes place on Friday 13th April.

Pricing: Tickets £2 for adults and £1 for children

Game tickets: 50p per game ticket or £1.50 for the whole sheet which will cover every game for the night for 1 person.

Michelle will organise crisps and biscuits for the tables.

Lauren will try to source dabbers to sell on the night.

Prizes still to be made up, Susan will make some prizes with wine, chocs etc.

More prizes needed, any donations would be greatly welcomed.

Mrs Kellock will book the let for the night.

Will set up on Friday afternoon if anyone available to help out.

Need volunteers to collect money at the door and someone to sell the bingo tickets.

**AOB**

Mrs Kellock advised that planning has started for the school show, ‘Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat’. Will be looking for any parent helpers who would be able to help with costumes etc.

Mrs Kellock also asked if the PC are still thinking to make an event of sports day. Bouncy castle, food etc. We will discuss this at the next meeting and decide exactly what to do.

Erin Anderson spoke about his new role in the community and is looking for all parents to give any ideas and opinions they have of Polbeth and the facilities and services available. He has a Community Engagement survey which he would like as many people as possible to fill out and this will give him a starting point for an action plan. He is also looking for any volunteers to help sort out the Village Hall.

Next meeting: Monday 30th April 7pm.