

# Parent Council Newsletter

## Lanark Primary School and ELC

### What does a Parent Council Do?

The main aim of a Parent Council is to help the school operate as a successful school and to try to represent all parents / carers.  
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## Thank you for your support!

We would like to begin by thanking all of the Lanark Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare family of parents, carers, friends, teachers, Mrs. Crook and pupils for their continued support throughout the year. Your help is invaluable and leads to the great success of our events. This has allowed us to raise £7159.14 (before expenses of hall lets, buying Christmas stock, professional membership fees, insurance etc) from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

The Parent Council is a group of adults who represent all the parents / carers of children in Lanark Primary and Early Years and Childcare dealing with school business relevant to education, curriculum, interests and development of our pupils as well as carrying out fundraising activities.

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We had a very successful year of fundraising that allowed us to donate approximately £3260 directly to the school this year.



## Fundraising Events held in 2017/18 include:

2017-2018

### ***Children's own Christmas Cards***

Children had the opportunity to design their own exclusive Christmas Card to be able to purchase. This proved very popular and the children loved making their own Christmas design. We made £316.89 profit. Next year we will look at offering Christmas cards and gift tags.

### ***Christmas Gift Sale***

The Parent Council buys stock that the children can purchase as gifts for their family and friends. There is a range of prices of gifts from 50p to £3 and our adult volunteers then gift-wrap these for the children to take home the same day. We had a fantastic day that was enjoyed by both the children and adult helpers alike. This generated a profit of £2320 (although we did have surplus stock left over from the previous year).

### ***Scots Night***

This event was held in the School Hall and we were delighted to pay for the let, provide refreshments and a raffle. It was lovely to see the children showcasing their talents through songs, poems, dancing and music on a theme of everything Scottish. This annual event is always a great success and loved by all.

### ***Shorts N Shades Disco***

On a sunny 4<sup>th</sup> May, with DJ Curran on the decks, the children had an outdoor disco in the playground and enjoyed hula hooping and dancing followed by a drink and a snack. This generated a profit of £290.77.

### ***Bag Packing***

The children in P5-7, staff and parents ran bag packing Saturday morning sessions in B&M store and Tesco. The general public gave kind donations and this raised £888 towards school funds.

### ***Family Quiz Night***

This successful evening proved to be great family fun and was so popular that we are holding it at the bigger venue of the school hall on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019!

## Lucky Numbers & Summer Raffle

Running our Lucky Numbers Club gives the Parent Council an opportunity to raise vital funds. During August each year, our friends family and teachers are offered the chance to become members of our Luck Numbers club for £12 each or 2 numbers for £20. Each month there is the opportunity to win £40 as a lucky number is drawn. Throughout the year some people have won more than once! This year we have raised funds of £342.

Look out for your entry forms at the start of August and Good Luck!

The Summer Raffle is an annual event. Raffle tickets are currently on sale for £1 each with the tickets being distributed to children to sell at home. The prizes include £100, hampers and various other prizes. The draw will take place at the Prize giving on 26<sup>th</sup> June.

## What have the Parent Council donated?

### House Mascots

The Parent Council funded a request from the P7 House Captains and their Vice Captains for a house Mascot. After running a mascot competition they visited Build-A-Bear to purchase their winning mascots. The Parent Council donated £30 to each house and felt this would be a lasting token.

### Hardship fund

The Parent Council continue to support the school maintaining a fund of £100 to assist the school in providing support for those who may need financial assistance throughout the year.

### School Ties

School ties for all the P1s and P7 school leavers will be provided.

### Donation

We provided £4 per head to each child in the school and £150 to Early Learning and Childcare to assist in the cost of their school trips or class projects. The Parent Council also paid for the tickets for the Christmas panto for all the school and ELC.



### Dates for your Diary

Our School Business meetings are held in the school from 6.30pm – 8pm. We will be holding separate fundraising meetings, dates of which are to be confirmed.

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August '18
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September '18
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October '18
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December '18
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January '19
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March '19
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May '19 - AGM
  
- 25<sup>th</sup> August '18 – LPS Open Afternoon Parent Council stall
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November '18 – prepare crafts for Christmas Fair
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December '18 -Christmas Fair Day at LPS
- 6<sup>th</sup> Feb '19 -Scots night
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Family Quiz

## Parent Council involvement in School Business

- ❖ The Parent Council was involved with the interviewing process and recruitment of the new Deputy Head teacher.
- ❖ Parent Council members attended the South Lanarkshire conference entitled Parents as Partners. This highlighted how the parent council could work in partnership with the school to create a welcoming school inclusive to all parents/ Carers.
- ❖ We have participated in the Scottish Government consultation on empowering Head teachers.
- ❖ Every Parent Council business meeting now has a regular item on the agenda to discuss the school improvement plan as part of the National Improvement Framework. We are specifically focusing on developing strategies and approaches to engage with parents to support learning. We have 3 key actions that we plan to complete throughout the course of next year. The parental survey had identified a few areas that we have since discussed in further detail and have helped to promote the Homework club, look at ways of sharing regular information about childrens' learning.

We look forward to welcoming you to any of our meetings and events and would love for you to join our team of Parents / Carers.

Please do not hesitate to contact us.