

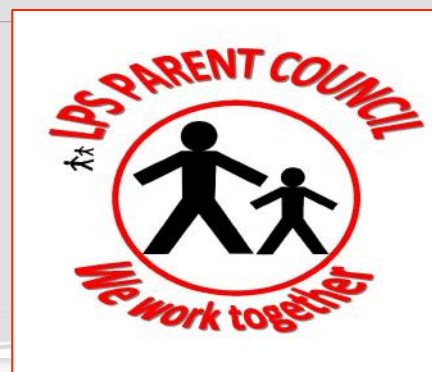
# PARENT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## 2018-19

### 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. ([www.connect.scot](http://www.connect.scot))



## 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 a brilliant £8665.38 (before expenses of hall lets, buying Christmas stock, professional membership fees, insurance etc) from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

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 £4341 directly to the school this year. This is an increase of £1081 compared to last year!!

## Fundraising Events held in 2018/19 include:

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### ***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 £712.02 profit. Next year we will look at offering tea towels designed by the pupils to give as Christmas gifts.

### ***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 £2500 (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. It raised £541.

### ***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 a total £956 towards school funds.

### ***Shorts and Shades Disco***

In May 2018, DJ Curran on the Decks with the children outside playing and dancing raised £376. The Back to School Disco will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at the school. Look out for details after Summer.

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

This fun evening proved to be great family fun for all ages and raised £479.35

## 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 Lucky 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 approximately £300.

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 amazing prizes. The draw will take place at the Prize Giving Ceremony on 25<sup>th</sup> June '19.

## What have the Parent Council donated?

### Scottish Opera

The Parent Council fully funds the cost of Scottish Opera working with the pupils to help them produce an opera performance in the school. The P5-P7s and those in the audience enjoy this event that occurs every 3 years.

### Hardship fund

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

### School Ties

The Parent Council will provide school ties for all the P1s starting school in 2019 and the P7 school leavers.

### School App

The Parent Council funded the cost of the school app, a valuable resource to communicate information home. Please contact school for details.

### Donation for Class Trips and Panto Trip

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 pantomime for all the school and ELC.

### 13 years of service.....

The Parent Council would like to say a huge thank you to our joint Chairs, Claire Rogers and Lynn Wingate for their 13 years of service. Next year they will continue to provide support and share their expertise to our new office bearers by becoming vice - chairs. We welcome Shirley Cathcart as our new Chairperson and Jan Towers as our new Treasurer who were elected at the AGM.

## Dates for your Diary

- 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – Back to School Disco
- 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Christmas Gift Sale
- 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Scots Night

Our School Business meetings are held in the school staff room from 6.15pm – 8pm.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019
- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020
- 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - AGM

## Parent Council involvement in School Business

- The Parent Council continues with its commitment to support the school on matters of business pertinent to education, curriculum and the interests and development of our pupils.
- The Parent Council provided an online survey on Parental Engagement
- We reviewed the results of this survey and created an overview of what the parental engagement and family learning looks like at LPS.
- A comments box has been installed at the main entrance of the school as an additional way for parents/ carers to provide comments or raise concerns.
- Pop up banners have been purchased to promote the school Parent Council at events.
- Every Parent Council business meeting had 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 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 by email, through our facebook page or via the school office.