

# Parent Council Newsletter 2019-2020

## 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 £9348.63 (before expenses of hall and room lets; buying Christmas stock; professional membership fees; insurance etc.) from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

The Parent Council is a group of adults who represent all the parents and 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.

We had a very successful year of fundraising that allowed us to donate approximately £6689 directly to the school this year. This is an increase now two years in a row!

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# Fundraising Events held in 2019-20 include:

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## ***Children's own Tea Towels***

Children throughout the school and ELC had the opportunity to draw their own face to make our school tea towels. The two designs were available to buy for Christmas presents. This proved very popular and the children loved making their own faces. We made £627 profit.

## ***Christmas Gift Sale***

The Parent Council buys stock that the children can purchase as gifts for their family and friends. There are 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.

## ***Scots Night***

This event was held in the School Hall and we were delighted to pay for the let, provide refreshments for a small donation and hold a raffle with prizes donated from various local businesses. 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 £566.

## ***Bag Packing***

The children in P5-7, staff and parents ran a bag packing session in November at B&M store. The general public gave kind donations and this raised a total £425.85.

## ***Back to School Disco***

We held a back to school disco for all the school to enjoy and catch up with their friends after being away for the summer. The children loved the games, snacks and dancing to DJ Curran's tunes! We raised £683.51.

## **Lucky Numbers**

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 £452.

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

## **Cancelled....**

Unfortunately due to the national Covid-19 situation we had to cancel our Summer Raffle and Family Bingo Night. We will be looking forward to new ways of fundraising this year that will need to follow national guidance on social distancing.

We also had to postpone our AGM and will be looking to reschedule this next term.

# What have the Parent Council donated?

## 1. *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 every 3 years. This is for P5-P7 rolling over the 3 years.

## 2. *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.

## 3. *School Ties and Mugs*

The Parent Council provides school ties for all the P1 starting from the ELC and the P7 school leavers. The P7s also get a mug for the prize giving at the end of year.

## 4. *School App and Science resource*

We felt that the app was an important way for the school to communicate home to parents and carers and this year have funded the license renewal. We have also paid for the classroom science resource Tig Tag.

## 5. *P7 leavers*

This has been an unprecedented year for the P7s and the Parent Council agreed to fund the P7 leavers' hoodies and commissioned a specially designed leavers card to wish the P7s good luck in moving to high school.

## 6. *Donation for Class trips and Pantomime*

The parent council have donated money to each class and ELC to fund class trips and also subsidized the Christmas Pantomime tickets.

## 7. *Equipment*

We have funded sports equipment and playground equipment for all ages of children throughout LPS. This helps promote a variety of the school values.

### Dates for your diary 2020-21

Back to School Disco – tbc  
Gift Sale – 27<sup>th</sup> November  
(possibly but tbc)

PC Meetings are held in the staff room 6.15 -8pm. Please feel free to pop in on any of these dates.

Dates for the meetings to be confirmed at the start of the new term and will be announced on the school app and Parent Council facebook page.

## 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 Chair was involved in the November 19 inspection and we will support the 2 areas of development suggested by the most recent school inspection. We are delighted with the achievements of the school in achieving such a positive report. In 2019-20 we made some progress towards school improvement planning and have started identifying priorities. This will continue after the summer.
- The Parent Council provided an online survey on Parental Engagement and helped assist with feedback with the most recent feedback form on returning to school for the 2 day sessions after the summer. Our Chair, with Mrs Crook participated in a Zoom meeting run by Tony McDaid, executive Director of Educational resources to provide feedback on the planning stages of returning back to school after the summer due to covid-19. A further zoom meeting with the Senior teaching team and Parent Council office holders helped provide feedback regarding future planning.
- A comments box has been installed at the main entrance of the school as an additional way for parents and carers to provide comments or raise concerns.
- Pop up banners have been purchased to promote the school Parent Council at events such as the parents evenings and Scots night.
- 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 and Carers.

Please do not hesitate to contact us by email, through our facebook page or via the school office.