



Lanark Primary School Parent Council – Information June 2019

What is Lanark Primary School Parent Council?

We are a group of parents who represent all the parents/carers of children at Lanark Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) dealing with school business relevant to education, curriculum, interests and development of our pupils as well as holding events to raise much needed extra funds for our school.

The objectives of the Parent Council are

- To work in partnership with the school to create a welcoming school which is inclusive for all parents and pupils;
- To promote partnership between the school, its pupils and all its parents;
- To develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils;
- To identify and represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils; and
- To encourage and promote social, educational activities (in-school and in the local community) to raise funds for the benefit of Lanark Primary School.

As a Parent Council we are involved in school improvement planning and this year we worked on Parental Engagement and Family Learning– creating a programme that shows what we already do and what we can do next. This was communicated via the school newsletters.

We had another very successful year of fund raising which has allowed us to donate approximately £3500 to the school. This provided £4 per head for each school pupil towards costs of school trips. This, alongside a subsidy from the school, meant there was no cost to parents for any trips in 2018/19. We paid for the Scottish Opera to work with P5-7 in the school (this is something that is done every 3 years to ensure all pupils experience this fantastic show) and provided school ties for each nursery child starting P1 and our P7 leavers.

We were also able to contribute money to subsidise the School App which is used to communicate useful school information.

These are just a few examples of ways we help the school. We are passionate about ensuring we can continue to support the school and pupils, so we are always looking at different ways to raise money and reduce costs.

In order for us to be able to help the school and pupils, we have various fund raising activities throughout the year.

In the school year 2019/20 our programme of fund raising activities will include:-

Lucky Numbers Club

- We offer family and friends of children and teachers the chance to become members of our Lucky Numbers Club. An annual subscription is paid to receive a lucky number which is then entered into a monthly draw to win £40 cash. Entry forms will be sent home when the new school year starts in August.

Children's own design products

- We are looking at having the children design tea towels to purchase – further details on this will be sent nearer the time.



Children's Christmas Gift Sale

- This annual event is being held on Friday 29th November 2019 in the school. We purchase stock which the children are able to purchase as presents for family and friends. The gifts range in prices from 50p to £3 and the children take their gifts home gift wrapped and labelled. A very popular event for the children.

Scots Night

- This annual event supported by the Parent Council will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 5th February 2020. The entertainment is provided by our children where they showcase their talents in Scots poems, songs, music and dancing. The Parent Council pay for the let for the event and provide tea/coffee and a raffle.

Raffle

- We will be holding our annual summer raffle in the summer term offering £100 cash as top prize with many other fabulous donated prizes.

Back to School Disco

- We are holding a "back to school Disco" Thursday 29th August – details will be sent home with the children and also posted on the School App and Twitter

Bag Packing

- Through the year we aim to do at least one bag pack in either Tesco or B&M. This is a great fundraiser and we looking for the older children to help out but always need help of the parent's.

Getting Involved with your Parent Council

If you would like to find out more about the Parent Council and/or are interested in joining us please do so through our facebook page below.

<https://www.facebook.com/LanarkPrimaryParentTeacherAssociation/>

or email lanarkprimary.parentcouncil@gmail.com

Our programme of school business meetings for 2019/2020:-

- **2nd September 2019**
- **7th October 2019**
- **28th October 2019**
- **25th November 2019**
- **27th January 2020**
- **2nd March 2020**
- **11th May 2020 (AGM)**

Our meetings are held in the school from 6.15pm to 8pm.

We hope you will be able to join us on the PC or assist at our fund raising activities. Everyone is welcome!

Shirley Cathcart (Chair)

Lanark Primary School Parent Council

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