



Torphichen Primary School
Parent Council Newsletter
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Meeting once a term we get together for discussion; find out what the TPC is planning, a chance to see what's happening in the school and raise any questions. We understand diaries are full but it's always great to see as many parents along as possible as we really appreciate your input.

Next meeting:

- **Tuesday 1st June 2021**

All meetings until further notice will be via video call – details will be sent out prior to event. Start time will be 6.30pm unless otherwise notified.

Fundraising

A very important part of the Parent council is fundraising for the school. Anyone can get involved in fundraising with all ideas and help welcomed and appreciated.

The theme this year is definitely on Outdoor learning and outdoor spaces! We would love to be able to fund an outdoor learning space and resources – this is definitely top of the list but we need help!

Events

For obvious reason our usual events such as Christmas Fair has not gone ahead, however we have managed to run some events. The Halloween trail was a massive success, thanks to the organisers and everyone who took part and made this a fun event, whilst also raising £210!

We hope to be able to hold another event before summer, one idea was to hold a **car treasure hunt** – any volunteers to help us organised would be greatly appreciated.

Tombola

The planned Christmas tombola was postponed – watch this space for a pre-summer draw.

Bags 2 School

This is a free fundraising scheme which raises funds for the based on the weight of the donated items. This was held back on October and I am pleased to say this raised £112 for our school funds – great work everyone and good to get a clear out! We are currently exploring the option of a second one before end of term, will let you know via Facebook/school if this goes ahead.

Source of funds

We are always looking for new ways to raise funds and we need your help! Some large employers have schemes to donate to local causes or match what we raise in an event so do let us know if your employer can help out.

Grants – we need your help!

Would you like to be our Grants co-ordinator? Local and national businesses often have grants or donation award schemes available, we can register or apply for their help. Of course there is high demand so a dedicated grant lead or team would be a great help. Please let us know if this could be you!

We are hoping to be successful in applying for a Tesco grant this year to help with our outdoor learning space and gardening initiative.

AGM - Roles

Every year we hold the AGM, this is a chance to review reports for the last year but also to nominate and vote in parents for our 4 office bearing roles:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary

The next AGM (start of school year 2021-22) the current in place office bearers will be stepping down and therefore we are looking for volunteers to take on the roles. The Parent Council performs an important role; a voice for parents, help the school with parent involvement and partnership, linking with wider community and capturing the unique and varied skills, interests, knowledge and experience that parents can offer.

Please consider taking a role on, it's a fantastic opportunity to work with parents and school for the good of our school, a chance to meet new people, bring fresh ideas to the table and more.

All roles are available, if you like you can let us know in advance if you are interested, but also on the day you can put yourself forward.

Miscellaneous

Playground

The outdoor shelter has been purchased and we eagerly await installation. This is being done by a council appointed contractor and hope to see this soon. We had also purchased a smaller unit for nursery but unfortunately due to H&S we will be unable to utilise this within the nursery garden, however this will be put to good use elsewhere in the school grounds and we will continue to work with the nursery for a solution in their space.

School Clubs

Last year we had an incredible response to our after school clubs and although we cannot currently run these I would like to extend my sincere gratitude and thanks to all those who got involved, parents, teacher and kids all appreciate you!

As soon as we can I would love to bring these back.

Dates for your Diary

Next TPC meeting

- Tuesday 1st June 2021

Contact Us

If you want to get in touch with TPC, please speak to a member of the team at the school gates, Facebook message or email us at: torphichenparentcouncil@outlook.com.

With kindest regards,
Susan Campbell (TPC Chairperson)