

#### Parent Council Newsletter April 2019

Milngavie Primary School Building a school community around a community school

# **Welcome to Parent Council News**

Welcome to The Milngavie Primary School Parent Council Newsletter. This Newsletter will be produced at regular intervals throughout the school year to keep the school community informed about what the Parent Council have been working towards and reasons to celebrate.

## What is The Parent Council?

The Parent Council is an open forum for you, as the school community, to interact with. We are a group of 8 parents who meet regularly through the school year. We work hard on improving and evaluating the school building, school life and the curriculum as well as supporting Mr. Graham and the staff at Milngavie Primary School.

We all have children in the school and are very approachable if you feel there is anything to be improved on or praised within the school. We are always keen to have new members on board and as you will see over the page, we cover a wide selection of areas of interest. We are hoping to set up subgroups to enable us to be even more productive as a group.

## **Objectives of the Parent Council**

To develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils and to represent the views of parents on the education and welfare of pupils. Our role is to support and create a welcoming school that is inclusive for all parents/ carers and to promote relationships between the school, pupils, parents, carers and the wider community. Parents and the community are true partners in the education of children

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#### Your Parent Council Committee









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Communication











Lisa **Estates** 

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FUNDING: Apply for funding for the school and nursery to promote education, outdoor activities and wellbeing.

We have been successful in securing three grants to purchase new pianos for the infant and junior school and to purchase Numicon, which is used by both nursery and infant departments. We have just submitted a grant application to Cala which, if successful, will help us towards our goal of creating an all-weather, outdoor classroom. Please let us know if you know of any other relevant grants available.

**STEM**: Enhancing the existing STEM curriculum by using skills and experiences from within the parent body and wider school community. We are lucky to have parents with a broad range of careers and knowledge who can bring the STEM subjects to life with real life examples and experiences. This will typically involve a parent supporting a specific lesson or learning block.

**SPORTS:** Encouraging positive, worthwhile and lasting relationships between the school, its pupils, the parent forum and the wider community, including local clubs, groups and organisations. The aim is to help the school to provide a full and diverse programme which is inclusive and accessible to all.

SUSTAINABLE FUTURES: Working with the school to help improve environmental awareness and eco-friendly choices for a cleaner greener school and neighbourhood.

**ESTATES**: Over the past 6 years a lot of work has gone into ensuring that general upgrading works take place such as the toilets, new blinds, roof and fabric repairs and playground re-surfacing. We will work more progressively with EDC to ensure that the buildings and wider campus, external areas, are improved even further. The first project will be the renewal of the synthetic sports pitch, which is due to take place in the summer.

**COMMUNICATION**: Making connections for Parent Council with parents, carers and the community. Welcoming new families to the school and community. Producing a regular newsletter to keep everyone informed and involved.

LANGUAGES: Encouraging involvement from the school family to enhance the learning of languages in the school. Calling on the wealth of expertise and knowledge we have available to us.

> If you can bring knowledge, experience or expertise then please contact us. milngavieprimarypc@gmail.com