



NEWSLETTER



April 2016

So what's new?

The pupils and staff have moved into their bright new airy school and its lovely. As a Parent Council, we have been supporting the staff in whatever way we can. Some of us volunteered to help sort out the books in the new library area. And then we ordered fancy new mats for the front door and the library area to make both areas more welcoming. The money we raise with your support is carefully spent on things that will benefit your children.

What else have we spent the money on?

The P5-P7s attended swimming lessons from August to December in Strathaven and the PC paid money towards the transport costs there. We also bought a whole new set of books for the Library as the teachers felt the middle school could benefit from some new books. Look out for Horrid Henry, Enid Blyton, Wimpy Kid Diaries as well as some other factual books aimed at these ages. We also provided snacks and juice at the Christmas Party, bought some gifts for the Official Opening and purchased stakes and protectors for our new trees but more about that later!

Is it all about money?

No, not at all. The School celebrated World Book Day in March and for this the PC arranged for some parents to drop off tents for a day so the children could have a bookcamp.

Some of the Parent Council members have attended a Bikeability Course so they can carry out Training for the older children – this will be starting by the end of April.

We have also secured funding and made the arrangements to run the Multi Sports Club for the whole school on a Thursday. Without this organisation in the background, the Sports Club could not be held.

Some of the outdoor areas at the school are not quite finished off yet – the Council needs to wait till the better weather is here. The Parent Council have supported the Headteacher by speaking to the Council to express our own concerns to try and get some action.

On a cold Sunday afternoon in March, a great turnout of parents and children met to plant 60 trees on the hill beside the School. The Parent Council team arranged this and then secured stakes and protectors to encourage these trees to thrive. The good news is that we have secured another 300 trees so when these are delivered, we wish to re-arrange another afternoon to get these planted also.

We assisted the School in arranging a Daffodil tea after the Easter Assembly. Although we held a raffle to raise some funds, this was not the main aim of the event. The main aim was to encourage locals and some parents to come to the Easter Service and support the Tea afterwards.

Lastly for now, the School has a new recruit currently called Hippo. But he will have a new name sometime soon and once he has been painted by the children (a competition was held to choose a design), he will be taking part in the Great Stampede Art Trail in Hamilton. The Parent Council followed up this opportunity late last year and were delighted

to have been one of the schools picked to host a hippo!

What else is coming up?

There is going to be a focus on Health during a particular week in May and the Parent Council will do what we can to support the staff with events.

We have organised a disco for the children within the new school hall on Thursday 25th May and we even have swanky new disco lights of our own now.

We have arranged a beetle drive on Wednesday 26th April – everyone is welcome for a fun night and especially children. The cost will be £1 per person and we would like to encourage raffle donations also. Tea, Coffee and refreshments will be available at the interval.

The Parent Council is supporting the Glassford Gala again by encouraging school pupils to enter into the spirit of the day by dressing up. Watch out for notes in your childrens school bags about whats happening on 17th June.

P1 Inductions Days & School Parents Night

The Parent Council will be on hand to answer questions and tell you more about the school and its activities at both of the above events. The P1 Induction days will be 25th May and 1st June and the Parents Night for pupils will be 17th May.

So everything is going well, what do you need me for?

We can always use more people to help out at events and in the background. There will be a couple of people leaving the Committee at the AGM as their children move to the Academy so we would like to encourage you to attend that meeting on Tuesday 30th May at 7pm.

We communicate with the Parent Forum via the facebook page, or the School website and newsletters in the school bags. Please feel free to respond or get in touch with ideas or comments at any point. We want to do the best we can and make things even better for our children and we can only do this if you tell us what's wrong, what's good and what could be improved upon and we will assist where we can!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26.04.17	Beetle Drive 7-9
17.05.17	Parents Night
25.05.17	Disco 7-8.30
30.05.17	Parent Council AGM
17.06.17	Glassford Gala Day

Contact us

If you wish to contact the Parent Council, you can do so by e-mailing, phoning or speaking to the Secretary. The details are below.

Secretary - Christine Hall e-mail
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Alternatively, speak to Mrs Donnelly or Mrs Gilfillan at the School and they will be happy to pass a message on to ourselves.