

Chair: Louise Mackie

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St Mary's Primary, Larkhall Parent Council AGM

19 September 2023

## Chairperson's Report:

I would like to thank all the PC representatives and the committee for their help and continued support over the last year. All your hard work is gratefully appreciated. I would also like to thank the wider parent body and our newly appointed Head Teacher Mrs McLaughlin for their support and contribution.

Thanks to Tracey for her all help in organising the meetings, minute taking and preparation of the agenda. This is a time-consuming job, so I am very grateful to her for everything she has done.

As mentioned above we have a newly appointed Head Teacher, Mrs McLaughlin. Tracey and I were asked to be part of the interview panel for this process and I am sure you will all agree we made the right choice. We all look forward to working with Mrs McLaughlin in the year ahead.

A summer raffle was organised and took place at the annual Sports Day.

Tracey managed to secure a cheque for £250 from Larkhall Community Council.

Unfortunately, the ladies night we tried to organise did not generate enough interest so that did not go ahead.

Having the local Councillors attend our meetings this year has been a great support. They managed to secure our football team with new stripes. They were the ones who advised us of the money available from Larkhall Community Council. They also managed to get us donations of cups and saucers from Larkhall Community Council for the school coffee morning.

We try to help the school out financially as much as we can. We have given very generously in terms of payment of buses, contribution to the school APP and library books.

We will continue to do this as long as we have the support from the PC, wide parent body and head teacher.

## WE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THE WORK THAT THE PARENT COUNCIL ACHIEVED LAST YEAR - AUGUST 2022 TO JUNE 2023

Comic Subscription – The comics are currently available in the school library for all our children.

Bingo Night – On the 27th of October the PC organised a Bingo night.

School App – The PC donated money for the School App.

New Chairs – The PC donated money to buy new classroom chairs for our children.

Christmas Stall – The PC asked our families to donate prizes for the Christmas Stall.

Valentine Disco – The disco was held on the 6th February.

Football Kits – With the help of Councillor Carmichael, the PC organised new football kits.

Gala Day – The PC donated the t-shirts, provided the banner and guidance on the day.

Playground Boxes – The PC donated money towards the new boxes.

Health Week – The PC gladly donated the money for every child to enjoy a yummy ice cream.

Sports Day - The PC donated prizes and organised a raffle during the Sports Day.

Overgrown tree – With a little more help from Councillor Carmichael, the trees that have hung over the school grounds have been cut back.

## **COMING UP**

Halloween Disco – Monday 30th October, 6.30pm to 7.45pm. All children and parent helpers welcome.

Next meeting – 14th November, 6.30pm. All parents welcome.

Thanks again to everyone for all you do.

Kind regards

Louise Mackie

Chairperson