



PARENT FORUM NEWS

What's going on...?

Happy new year to you all! You might think that the Parent Council is just all about fundraising, but that's not the case, sometimes it's the skills and time from parents that are needed to help the school. Last term some parents helped to make backdrops for the Christmas Show and assisted with finding or making costumes to help make the show the absolute success it was! On two cold afternoons in November, some parents helped the children to plant 400 free trees and 600 free bulbs which the parent council had sourced so the School can look good in seasons and years to come.

The Parent Council have also worked behind the scenes to secure a grant for the School to enable them to run the Multi Sports Club. Hall Hire and Coach hire costs all add up so this grant covered this PLUS enough to also buy £500 worth of new equipment that the School can use at Gym as well as be used by the Multi Sports Club.

Fundraising is a big part of our work – so far since last August we have raised over £2300!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We made a target of £1000 last August as Ms Donnelly estimated that's what we needed to pay for bus transport alone this year for various activities.

AND WE SMASHED IT!

A huge **thank you** to all your support, whether it be helping at school events, coming along to support them, donating raffle prizes, or just buying raffle tickets.

You have made all the difference!

Since August 2017, parent council fund raising has raised over £2300 which has been used to support the school for purchasing...

- **bus transport for school trips**
 - **new Kindle Fire Tablets**
 - **new Active Literacy Scheme**
 - **new Keyboard Covers**
 - **Printer Toner Cartridges**
- and will be used for much, much more!**

Some Kindle Fire Tablets will be purchased for the School to replace the ailing elderly ipads and also a new Active Literacy Scheme which will benefit all the classes from P1 right through to P7. We'll still be using the Big Cat reading programme but this new Scheme will assist with spelling, grammar, sentence creation and loads of other things.

Communication with the **Parent Forum** (which is YOU) is via the **parent forum 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 all want to do the best we can and make things even better for all the children. We can only do

this if you tell us what's good and what could be improved upon and we will assist where we can!

Get involved!

How the money was raised...

We had a very successful Christmas Fair where the sale of home baking made by parents raised a great amount. Your donated tombola and raffle prizes and buying bags and tea towels all contributed to the fantastic total of over £1000 profit on the night! Our Christmas shows raised a fantastic amount too with generous donations from the audience. A bag packing at Sainsburys was organised and raised nearly £400! The Ragbag bin in the carpark has been a great regular income and due to your continued donations to this we have raised nearly £300 from old clothes!!! We also had some helpers collecting at Reindeer Day, entering and winning this years Strathaven Bonfire Guy Competition where some parents helped the children assemble a guy...these are just some of the ways we raise school funds.

We're a small group of parents and we always need more people to get involved – even if its just at one of the events for half an hour or attending a meeting now and again.

YOUR ideas are IMPORTANT as well as any TIME or SKILLS you can offer.



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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/glassfordprimaryschool/>

Parent Council Meetings... WHAT GOES ON??

The meetings are usually held on Wednesday evenings at 7pm every 6 weeks or so and only last 1.5 hours maximum! We are all busy people with lots of time pressures – that's why we try to keep the meetings brief.

We discuss fundraising and what's coming up. For example last week Ms Donnelly discussed a questionnaire that will be issued to all parents and pupils in advance of the next forthcoming HMI Inspection. As a Parent Council, we gave our input to try to make these questionnaires as straightforward as possible for everyone to complete. Another example of what was discussed; the new format of class newsletters which you will soon see; the new Education Scotland Bill proposals; the plans for the P6/7 Activity week and class sizes for next year.

All the Minutes from the Meetings are made available to you, nothing is secret or hidden and we continually strive to spread the word out there that the only reason we meet is for the good of our School and the children.

There are other reasons to get involved as well – research as shown that children whose parents get involved in school have better results and less disciplinary problems. We are social too, yes its hard work sometimes but it can be fun and you do get to meet other like minded parents with the same aims as you. Its good to get to know the teachers better too at meetings. Everyone of our teachers has attended meetings in the past year, in their own free time.

GIVE AND GET BACK!!!!!!

Dates for the Diary

07.03.18	Parent Council Meeting
13.03.18	Rag Bag Kerbside Collection
28.03.18	Easter Service & Daffodil Tea
28.03.18	Parent's Evening
16.06.18	Glassford Gala Day

Get in Touch

If you wish to contact the Parent Council, you can do so by e-mailing, phoning or speaking to the Chair/Secretary- **Christine Hall**
e-mail alanchrishall@gmail.com or 07719 775 796.

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

Join the 'Glassford Parent Forum' Closed Facebook Group

Alternatively, speak to Mrs Donnelly or Mrs Gilfillan at the School and they will be happy to pass on a message.