



Clobber Primary Parent Council

Monday 16th January 2022 7:30pm

Minutes

Present: CM, JL, CG, HD, LC, HC, LT, GB, PK, GR, AM

Apologies: SC, VR

1. Head Teachers Report

Writing and rshp: Meeting for parents

We have been working on Talk for Writing again this session, implementing teaching packs which focus on tools for writing along with individual toolkits which focus on aspects of genre such as characterisation. We meet regularly to assess children's writing and are seeing improvement in attainment across the school. Parents will be invited to the school on Tuesday 7th February to find out more about our approach and to learn more about the relationships and sexual health resource, rshp.scot

School improvement

Mrs Chapman delivers health and wellbeing groups and support for individual pupils in the Rainbow Room. Last week, every class had a session in the Rainbow Room to let them see what goes on there. Our children feel very well supported by Mrs Chapman in the Rainbow Room, which is financed using Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

We are focusing on kindness this term; children add to their class paper chain every time they experience an act of kindness. We are also ensuring that good news goes home with the introduction of our "Great news" postcards. Every week, we will celebrate the children who go above and beyond with "Hot Chocolate Wednesday". Our approach to promoting positive behaviour ensures we give our first attention to those displaying great behaviour. We are revisiting our positive behaviour policy and will consult with the Parent Council at the next meeting. Family learning grids have been sent out this term and these will be repeated in term 3.

Our inservice day this term will focus on assessment of writing, health and wellbeing and the curriculum: digital learning, play and music.

Class assemblies

We have a number of class assemblies taking place this term; parents and carer are invited to watch these and then visit their child's class to see what they have been learning. Tea and coffee is on offer too.

Our parents evenings take place in March and are an opportunity to talk to your child's teacher about their progress and what you can do to support this at home.

P7 trip to Inverclyde 6th – 10th March

We will be going to Inverclyde this term and are getting excited about it – there's a meeting for P7 parents tomorrow night. Mrs Marshall, Mrs Greer and Miss Cowan will be accompanying the children for the week. Mrs Barr and Mrs Dunn will join the team Monday – Wednesday with Mrs Cook and Mrs McKay joining us Wednesday – Friday.

PTA fundraising

Thanks to the PTA for assisting the funding of the Hopscotch panto – it was a great success and we have already booked for next year!

Generation Science has been booked for March. Hoodies are in the process of being ordered in time for Inverclyde and the end of year star award trophies have been ordered. This has all been supported by PTA funding – thank you!

Dates for Parent Council Meeting this session, all at Douglas Academy 7.30pm:

Monday 20th March

Monday 12th June

2. Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP)

Mrs Marshall delivered an overview of the national resource for sexual health and parenthood. The resources will be used both in early learning and schools. Parents and carers can visit <https://rshp.scot> to access the content that will be delivered to the children at each level. The school will also send letters home to keep parents/carers informed with what their child will be covering in class.

3. Parking

CM is in contact with someone who can assist with parking challenges around the school. If there are any complaints on parking, these should be sent to the community or roads department at EDC. Cones are not allowed to be placed at the school as it is a public road. CM/JL/CG to confirm a week that will be focussed on parking and road safety.

4. Changing for PE

CM/JL/CG will look into a concern that have been raised around changing for PE recently in P2.

5. Christmas concert

It was raised that there were some empty seats at the Christmas concerts. CM explained the H&S rules and regulations that must be stuck to regarding capacity for the hall. There is a capacity of 243 people in the hall and 240 tickets were given to each performance.

6. Extracurricular Activities

There are a number of extracurricular activities already running at the school e.g. netball/basketball, choir at lunchtime. There are also some planned activities for the near future including yoga.

7. Homework

Parents were consulted about homework in 2019 and generic daily/weekly tasks of homework were removed in favour of bespoke provision. There are a variety of ways that children's learning can be supported at home via Bug Club, Sumdog and family learning tasks.

From time to time, children will also be given additional support for literacy and numeracy and may bring home additional tasks e.g. words.

8. Lost Property

Photographs of lost property will be circulated to parents. There is a huge amount, and everyone is reminded to label all items with their child's name.

9. Jotters

Jotters will be sent home with children when they are completed. They are held onto for a period for HM inspections or passed onto the next teacher. Once the school have finished with them, they will be sent home.

Dates of next meeting

Monday 20th March 7.30pm, Douglas Academy.