

## **Fox Covert Parent Council Meeting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024**

Attendees:

Douglas Bruce	Head Teacher
Joanne Doddie	Principal Teacher
LesleyAnn Wright	Principal Teacher
Ali Connolly	Chairperson
Joanne Farrell	Co Chairperson
Graham Patrick	Treasury
Allison Warnock	Secretary
Kirsty Campbell	
Louise Duncan	
Amy Howard	
June Morrison	
Caroline Kerr	
Carolyn Costly	
Mhairi Kelly	

### **Head Teacher update: Mr Douglas Bruce**

Staffing update:

Nicola Gordon is now the business manager for both Fox Covert and St Andrew's.

There are 2 new PSA's Mrs Marjory Irvine (temporary) for P7 & Ms Clare Best is now permanent along with Mrs Katie Edington (temporary)

Ms Francesca O'Neill will be with us till the summer.

We had an author, Stuart Reid, who had a wonderful visit with the children. The workshops went well, and the writing group is going great.

Languagenut (digital language learning resources, games & activities – similar to sumdog) is up and running with Ms Murray and is going well.

Lunchtime & after school active school are all running smoothly. Any volunteers always welcome.

Football club is starting today (23/04/24)

Earth Calling has been in to visit school, Gus has done a super job encouraging and supporting the children with their wildlife garden. Nature tunnels coming to life. Helping to progress outdoor learning.

The trees at the back of the wildlife garden were sparse so had to be cut down.

The teachers are having an outdoor learning session up the hill on Friday (26<sup>th</sup> April) for professional development.

P5 & P6 a&b are working with Scottish Opera and will perform a showcase of their work (Date is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – at 1.30pm – tickets available soon)

Comic relief was a success and Mrs Wright worked with the children to help support their fundraising.

The transition of the new P1's has begun – Mrs Wright working with them.

The Dyslexia Team which includes teacher and PSA is working away supporting children while also explaining what dyslexia is to all the children.

The gym bars have passed the inspection and are now safe to use – the children are very excited and can't wait to use them.

### **Building work:**

A defibrillator has been installed in the main reception on the left near the toilets.

A new dishwasher is a welcome addition along with new trays & cups. Dinner hall is up and running with hot food.

The police will be visiting the school during term 4 – checking cars and parking. This is one of the main issues around the school regarding road safety.

Tickets/fines will be administered to vehicles that are parked incorrectly (not allowed on verge).

Traffic wardens will be around the school at drop off and pick up.

Road Safety officers are linking with St Andrews – Be Safe Be Seen.

June 10-14 Be Safe Be Seen – the children are to be encouraged to wear bright colours.

The school/parent council are looking for support to get 'No Entry' signs put up 8:15am- 9am & 2.30pm – 3.30pm. Junior rd safety officers are working on this.

Thank you to the Parent Council for the maths box funds.

### **Principal Teacher report: Joanne Doddie:**

The wildlife garden gate is going on next week. This will help give everything a chance to grow. The children can then enjoy exploring – mini beast adventures, biodiversity etc.

£3,000 has been spent on outdoor learning.

Parents can come in and work with the children. A large trolley for necessary outdoor learning equipment has been purchased – this can support the children on their many adventures up the hill.

St Andrews has also financially contributed to the outdoor learning support.

### **Ali C – Chairperson:**

Fundraising pot is not huge and is one of the main priorities of the PC. The school is getting a lot of funding from the government to support the outdoor learning.

Ali C suggesting we apply for a plot in the walled garden up the hill that the children could use to grow veg/plants etc

**Mrs Wright:**

Pupil Parliament raised £143 for comic relief, and they all enjoyed it.

Transitions from nursery to P1 are now taking place. Meeting the parents and visits to the school.

Learning Journals – good comments and likes- keep sharing the knowledge and check posts.

Please let school know if you have any problems accessing the journals and feed back to the school.

6<sup>th</sup> June to P1 Induction evening – Ali Connolly will to the Parent Council introduction to the new parents. They will need new Class Reps – There will be 2 P1 classes starting August 2024.

**Graham Patrick – Treasurer:**

Expected where we are to be right now.

Reaching the end of the restricted funds.... Need some more fundraising.

**Fundraising:**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Book sale

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – fundraising afternoon – bake sale & soft toy stall etc if raining this will take place in the hall.

Deposit paid for race night which will take place on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Sep

Sorting the incoming P6 football team – Ali C has the info from the outgoing Fox covert football team.

**Questions from parents**

Jo Farrell – Time for Scottish Opera – keep posted.

Kirsty Campbell – Active schools are back – Parents would really appreciate a little more notice for world book day and comic relief.

Mr Bruce encouraging everyone to keep up to date through the website – every date is available on the website and its regularly updated,

Reminder to all reps to check website and send out info on class list and FB

Lisa Simpson- if we could avoid clashing dates. The mini enterprise and fairtrade stalls need to go on website too.

Next PC meeting – Wed June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.