

Attendees

Douglas Bruce	Head Teacher
Lesley-Ann Wright	Principal Teacher
Joanne Doddie	Principal Teacher
Kirsty Cassidy	PC Chair
Brooke Haldane	PC Vice Chair
Sarah Sheriff	PC Treasurer
Liz Aitken	PC Secretary
Michelle Hofmeyer	
Daisy Johnstone	
Amanda Robitaille	
Cat McShane	
Caitlin Borys	
Chris Jack	

Update from Mr Bruce

- Thank you for the panto funding (funded by the Parent Council). The pupils enjoyed the experience, but we are looking to do something out with school next year.
- The present room was a great success and enjoyed by the children.
- A parent group has now been identified to gather views for new school build – next meeting planned for 24 Feb.
- Thank you to Sarah for securing £2,000 from Virgin Money – this will be used to buy stylus sets, keyboards, headphones, connectors for the school tablets.
- March 17 Tempest photographer will be in school taking individual OR sibling photos. Unfortunately, we can't accommodate including nursery siblings.
- A self-evaluation Local Authority visit is planned for April – likely to be 23 or 24 April – if any parents would like to join a focus group that would be appreciated.
- Netball is now open to P5, P6 and P7 pupils
- Blue container in the playground is no longer needed so it has been removed.
- Request for Bikeability volunteers – please email admin school office if interested. Training will be over one or two Friday afternoons at a local primary school. We are looking for 3 or 4 volunteers to do a morning or afternoon session once or twice a year.
- Issues with parking – lots of people using the car park for drop-offs. The school are letting the police know car registrations.
- The school's Anti-Bullying and Learning, Teaching and Assessment policies have been updated – looking for a small focus group of parents to review and comment on the policies.
- There will be 11 classes next year (2026/2027 academic year)
- Staff absences over last 6 weeks have been challenging, with Senior Leadership Staff covering teaching classes.

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- Staff are running clubs this term. Miss Doddie has organised P6s and P7 to attend Murrayfield golf club.
- Maria (P1 Assistant) is going on maternity leave this week.
- All P7s have successfully applied for leadership opportunities at the school. Roles included Library Assistants, Corridor Monitors, and Kindness Captains.
- P6s are taking part in Euro Quiz heats. If they get through to the final, it will be held in McEwan Hall.
- P5s are working hard as part of their Scottish Opera workshop – based on The Dragon of the Western Seas – thank you to Brooke for securing funding for this.
- People's Voice Toolkit and Foxy Rights Rangers – parent helpers will be asked to come in – Miss Doddie will be in touch.
- Would like to send P6s on an epic day which will give children an experience of outdoor learning before residential camp. Run by Edinburgh City Council - £42 per pupil, currently 42 P6s. The school would be looking to do this every year going forward. The PC agreed to cover half per child (£21 per child).

Finance update – update from Sarah Sherif

- This year we've raised as much as we have spent
- Main spends – Llaganlia and the Pupil Welfare Fund
- £2,856 restricted to golf club
- £2,000 restricted IT grant from Virgin Money

PC Fundraising update

- Summer fair – Saturday 30 May. Kirsty, Brooke and the St Andrew's PC are currently asking local businesses for raffles. Prices already pledged from Tesco, Scottish Rugby, Hibernian FC and others. We will charge a small entry fee, and there will be no substantial outgoing costs. We're hoping to get an ice cream van, bouncy castle, tea and coffee stall etc. Next fair meeting on 10 March. We will need lots of volunteers on the day!
- Bake sale planned for before Easter hols to boost funds.

Class Issues

- Dogs near the school entrance (where children walk in and out of pedestrian gate) and dogs being carried into school grounds – school and class reps to send reminders to not bring dogs onto the school grounds.
- Christmas concert didn't happen this year due to staff commitments. Hoping to do it next year.

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- Gates are closing very promptly, because Senior Leadership Staff are currently in class teaching due to staff absences, so they must lock the gates as they go in with classes.
- Mrs Wright is currently covering P2 class and Mr Bruce is teaching 2 days a week also. School are covering staff absences internally to keep things as consistent as possible for pupils.

AOB

- Second hand uniform sale planned for Friday 13 Feb in the school hall. P7 Lost and Found Co-ordinators can help.
- Netball kits – TBC
- Mr Orr has looked at a gap in the playground fence and has repaired it. School will mention in assembly to remind children to let an adult know if they notice a gap.

Next meeting - Wednesday 6th May 2026 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm (in school)