

Attendees:

Douglas Bruce	Head Teacher
Lesley-Ann Wright	Principal Teacher
Kirsty Cassidy	PC Chair
Brooke Haldene	PC Vice Chair
Sarah Sheriff	PC Treasurer
Liz Aitken	PC Secretary
Amanda	
Daisy Johnstone	
Sandrine Flower	
Caitlin Borys	
Mhairi Kelly	
Lisa Simpson	
June Morrison	
Wesley Lukehart	
Julie Lukehart	
Idunn Rhoades	
Grant Stalker	
Michelle Hofmeyr	
Catriona McShane	

Head Teacher's report and look ahead – Douglas Bruce

- The school is preparing for an upcoming inspection (week beginning 21 Sep).
- There are 11 classes and 273 pupils on the roll this academic year.
- The leadership team comprises Douglas Bruce, Head Teacher (P5–P7); Lesley-Ann Wright, Principal Teacher (nursery transition to P3); Mrs Greig, Principal Teacher (support for learning, curriculum lead and P4–P5); and Nicola Gordon, Business Manager.
- The school values are kindness, inclusion and achievement.
- The 2026/27 improvement plan focuses on high-quality learning and teaching, consistent assessment, digital learning, pupil-led learning, and stronger partnerships with parents, carers and the wider community.
- The new theme-based curriculum covers belonging, local community, partnership working, exploration, discovery and creativity. Term 1 focuses on belonging.
- The school continues to hold the Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award.
- Pupil leadership is expanding to P6 as well as P7, through House Captains, Fox-C Rights Rangers, Pupil Parliament, Eco Group, Junior Road Safety Officers and Digital Leaders.
- Learning priorities include numeracy, writing, outdoor learning, play-based learning in P1–P3 and guided reading from P3.
- Inclusive practice includes the Leuven Scale, Zones of Regulation, class charters focused on pupil voice, restorative approaches, recognition boards and dyslexia toolkits in every classroom.

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- The school works with partner agencies including English as an Additional Language, Additional Support for Learning and Educational Psychology services.
- Attainment is monitored four times a year, with interventions based on evidence and moderation through the learning community.
- Families are encouraged to continue sharing children's wider achievements through Foxy Fame.
- Pupil Equity Funding, calculated at £1,100 for each eligible child, supports a Pupil Support Officer, wider achievement opportunities, uniforms and residential trips.

PC Chair review – Kirsty Cassidy

- The Parent Council supports pupils and the school, strengthens communication, and represents the views of parents and carers.
- Each class has a representative who helps connect families, the Parent Council and the school.
- The Parent Council donates at least 15% of funds raised to the school welfare fund.
- Classlist is the main Parent Council communication channel. New P1 families are encouraged to sign up so they receive information and event ticket details.
- Sarah Sheriff was re-elected as Treasurer.

PC Finances 2025/26

- Income: £7,100, comprising £4,500 from fundraising and £2,600 from grants.
- Expenditure: £5,299.57.
- Funds supported the Lagganlia bus, school pantomime, school teams, class spending allocations, school facilities and equipment, and a £1,500 contribution to the welfare fund.

PC Fundraising plans

- Halloween disco – planned for 29 October
- Christmas cards and mugs
- Parent social
- Bake sales
- Tea towels
- Easyfundraising

Future PC meetings

- Wednesday 18th November – 6.30pm – 7.30pm
- Wednesday 20th January 2027 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm
- Wednesday 3rd March 2027 – Parent Council Meeting
- Wednesday 21st April 2027 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm
- Wednesday 2nd June 2027 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Q&A

Q – How can parents and carers receive more regular information about what pupils are learning?

A – Updates will be shared through parents' evening after the October holidays, Learning Together sessions, termly class newsletters, and learning journals.

Q – What will the school inspection involve?

A – Four inspectors will evaluate learning and teaching, wellbeing, equality and inclusion, including through classroom observations.

Q – Is there an update on the new school build?

A – Groundworks are expected to begin in May 2027.