

Cathkin High School Parent Council

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Welcome

Hello and a very warm welcome to our second Cathkin High School Parent Council Newsletter. The aim of this newsletter is to keep you informed about Parent Council (PC) activities and to encourage more parents/carers to **become involved** - in any way they can - such as joining our communications list, supporting our fundraisers or by attending our meetings ... we would love to see some new faces.

When and where do we meet?

Every parent/carers is welcome to come along to meetings which are held on the **last Tuesday of every month from 7pm until 9pm** in the Cathkin Conference Room – the next one is **Tues 29th March**.

What do we talk about?

Everything and anything that involves pupils, teaching and the running of the school. Typically a meeting has a head teacher's report where we are updated on the latest school activities and often other members of teaching staff come along to tell us about their work. Local Councillors also attend as well as invited guest speakers.

***** Fantastic News *****

Provision of Free School Transport to School Unchanged

Thank you to all the parent/carers who contacted us to raise their concerns and anxieties about the proposed changes to the provision of free school transport for secondary pupils from 2 miles to 3 miles. This was heavily discussed at various PC meetings throughout the year. Therefore, it was **fantastic news** when we were informed that this provision was to remain unchanged.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (DofE) at Cathkin High School – A parent-led partnership

Fun, Learning New Skills, Volunteering in the Community and Exploring the Outdoors; all these activities give our kids non-academic but really valuable life skills. The PC has helped develop and run the first DofE awards centre at Cathkin High School. We have 20 (S3) pupils working towards their Bronze Award. All funds to support the DofE programme come from fundraising by the kids themselves or by the PC! So please contact us by email if there is any way you can support this. Any pupils (age 14+) interested in a DofE award can also do this through Universal Connections (Main Street, Cambuslang). Please contact us if you require any further information.

Homework Club for Parents!

A representative from **SLC's Community Learning & Home School Partnership** came along to one of our meetings to highlight their work and discuss the possibility of setting up a homework club for parent/carers. The club would have tutors to help parent/carers who would like additional support to help their children with homework. So, if you are **frazzled by fractions, petrified of percentages or anxious about adjectives** this would be a fun way to learn more. Further information to follow but please contact us at the above e-mail if you would be interested in this club.

Fundraising Activities

Car Boot Sale & Mini Fair - 3rd October 2015

With fabulous weather, we ran our first ever Car Boot Sale & Mini Fair. Spaces were £10 per car and our Fair inside the school had stalls with home baking, tombola, raffle, local businesses and a café for refreshments.

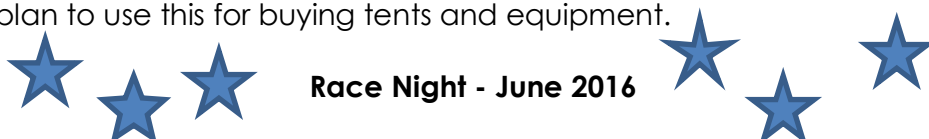
The Fire Bridge and Community Police also made a visit and there was an HGV lifting truck for children/adults to see. It was a great event and a huge **thanks** to everyone and local businesses who kindly donated items. It would be great if we can make the Car Boot Sale & Mini Fair an annual event.

Cathkin Community Nursery School Christmas Fair - November 2015

We ran a fundraising stall at this Fair in Cathkin High School selling Home Baking, Christmas Decorations and Jewellery items which were kindly donated to us.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Fundraising

Pupils who are currently taking part in the scheme ran stalls at both the above events to raise funds for their future expeditions and plan to use this for buying tents and equipment.



Race Night - June 2016

We plan to hold a fundraising Race Night this year (possibly 10th June) – further details to follow.

Any new fundraising ideas?
Please get in touch by email.

How do we spend the PC funds?

We recently donated £1000 for the school to buy tablets for pupils use. These will be made available to all departments.

What is Cathkin High School Numbers Club ?

It is a chance to win cash prizes and help Cathkin High School.

It costs £2 per month via standing order. Each month one lucky winner wins a cash sum (amount depends on the number of members). **Why join?** Half the proceeds go to Parent Council Funds and are used to help fund educational resources and other items as the school copes with the current budget constraints.

Please think about joining as this and you never know – you might even be a lucky winner!

Dates for your Diary 2016

Tues 29 th	March	PC Meeting
Mon 4 th	April	Spring Break
		to
Fri 15 th	April	
Tues 26 th	April	PC Meeting
Mon 2 nd	May	May Day
Thurs 5 th	May	In-Service Day
Fri 27 th	May	May Weekend
		to
Mon 30 th	May	
Wed 1 st	June	Junior Award Ceremony
Fri 24 th	June	School finishes (1pm)

Wish to be kept up-to-date with information from the PC? Please join our email list and send your details to:

cathkinhighpc@gmail.com

Web skills Required

Do you have the skills to set up a website and have some free time to spare? The PC would like to create their own website and are looking for advice. If you can help then please contact us at the PC email address.