

# Letter from the Chair



## Hello!

I'm Caroline and I have now been Chair of the Kirkton Parent Partnership (PP) for a year. I have 2 boys at Kirkton, Ben in P6 and Owen in P4.

It's been a really rewarding 12 months and I'd like to take the opportunity to give you an insight into what we do in the PP, why we do it and why we need your help!



## School Consultation and Partnership

We work closely with our school staff, who attend each of our monthly meetings to give a school update. We are a consultation group to help shape and influence decisions that impact on the experience that you and your families have at Kirkton Primary School.

As someone who does not work in education, I've found it really interesting to have an insight into how the school is run.

Recent consultations have included school trips, how school funds are spent, sports days and outcomes from the homework survey,

Anyone who comes along to these meetings is very welcome to input to all of these discussions.

## Fundraising

The financial support we have had from parents over this past year to raise funds for our children has been excellent.

A number of you have also stepped up to help out at our events which has been greatly appreciated.

Our biggest event was our Spring Fayre, which raised enough money to fully cover the cost of every pupil to attend a Panto in Lanark, meaning no cost to parents or the school.

Following that success, this years Fayre will be held on Saturday 17 May 2025.

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## School Discos

We hold 2 school discos per year, one at Halloween and one in the Summer (last years was Euro themed). We are so grateful for the parent helpers who volunteer at these.

Our Halloween disco was a huge success, thanks to the work of the PP along with the support of both staff and parents on the night.

Whilst we don't charge or raise much from disco's, donations do help us to cover the costs of the DJ and snacks.

I hope we can continue to provide these events for our kids, they always seem to have a brilliant time!

## Why We Need YOU!

To keep providing these amazing experiences for our children, we need our Parent Partnership to continue and so we're asking for your help.

You don't have to attend every meeting, but we do need a reasonably consistent group to help make decisions on spending and plan our 3 yearly events. The commitment is small, but the impact is huge. Many hands make light work and between us it isn't a large task.

At our last meeting, only four parents/carers attended. And with nobody representing our infant classes, we're missing vital voices. Ideally, a couple of parents from each year group would ensure every child's needs are considered.

If we don't see more parents getting involved, we risk losing our PP altogether – and with it, the fantastic opportunities it brings for our children. If the group folds due to low numbers, just think about what they'll miss out on.

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## Spending

Other activities and items that that we have either organised or paid for recently includes:

- Ice cream summer treat
- High school ties and year books for P7 leavers
- School captain blazers
- Stage microphones
- STEM equipment
- Outdoor waterproofs and wellies
- DJ's at school discos

## What's Next?

I really hope with your involvement and support we can continue to grow our PP. Let's ensure that our children can continue to thrive at Kirkton, with a wide range of opportunities and experiences provided by the PP in the coming years,

I've found being part of the PP both interesting and rewarding. I love hearing how my children, their friends, other parents and staff have all benefitted from the work we do.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions, or pop along to our next meeting to see what we're all about. Mr Owens prides himself on supplying decent coffee and biscuits!

Hope to see you there and keep an eye out for more info from us in the coming months.

*Caroline*