



[]xs

Annual General Meeting

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING WINDYKNOWE PS

DATE: Wednesday 8th February 2023

TIME: 6.00PM

VENUE: In school

ATTENDEES – SCHOOL	APOLOGIES
Mrs Angus	A Yaseen
Ms Norquoy	R Tait
ATTENDEES – PARENT / CARERS	
Donna McLeary	
Juliet Redmond	
Claire Mitchell	
Lynsey Stein	
Helen Thompson	
Emma Clark	
Harry Cartmill MSP	
Pauline MSP	
William Boyle MSP	

Introductions and Apologies

Apologies read out

Agenda Points Submitted

1. Rainbow bus parking over drive ways at Windyknowe Crescent – Mrs Angus to speak to the bus driver.
2. School fayre – To support ASN families, can there be at time for families to attend prior to fayre’s opening
3. WOW awards – Why were they stopped? Mrs Angus to do a poll and see if it can return as previously the school received complaints on how the award was won and was replaced with wider achievements.
4. P5 –P7 Homework – Why are children getting less homework? Teaching boards now on seesaw/teams for children to access. The school would like to get away from homework being a major thing in the home and may have a negative effect. A poll went out to parents a few years back with the majority of votes for a more relaxed approach for spelling, literacy and reading.
5. Float theme – The schools 60th Birthday.
6. Signage at turning circle – Mrs Angus still waiting on a response.
7. Why are the teaching days for P5H changed and parents weren’t informed – Mrs Angus said there was no major changes as still the same 2 teachers however teachers have just swapped days.
8. Feedback from clothing exchange – All items were recycled to the school children who Mrs Angus contacted discretely as uptake on coming into school was low.



Actions

- Mrs Angus awaiting to hear from Tom, will update at next meeting.
- Update on rainbow bus parking at Windyknowe

Head Teachers agenda points



Windyknowe Primary School
Parent Council Association
Wednesday 8 February 2023
Head Teacher's Report

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

We have been working on refreshing our curriculum to include more focus on the four capacities of successful learner, confident individual, responsible citizen and effective contributor. Developing our young workforce encourages our children to look to the future and the kinds of skills they will need for work. Social Enterprise encourages children to problem solve, be empathetic within the community and carry out selfless acts to support others e.g. P7 raised funds through their Christmas enterprise to pay for their Christmas disco then to go out with little gifts to our old folk's homes. They also asked members of staff to donate chocolates after Christmas and took them round older residents who live in our local community. Our aim is to re-create a dynamic curriculum following the time we were restricted, which results in our children being independent, confident, successful and responsible in all they do. Our teachers and nursery team were involved in a round of peer observations where they visited one another's classrooms and followed up with professional dialogue around what they saw and how they felt about the experiences the children were getting. This was a very positive outcome for the school. Our next round of quality assurance will involve our Literacy Officer and other members of our teamer

Generation Science

Each stage in the school will be getting a visit from Generation Science this term and next starting on 20 March

Euroquiz

We have 3 teams participating in Euroquiz this year – a selection of children from P4-P7. We wish our



teams well.

Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award

Our assessment for this award takes place on 30 March. Send us lots of positive vibes on that date. The assessor and team will be talking to children first and foremost then to members of staff and myself throughout the day.

Parent Consultations

Our meetings with parents take place on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March. Bookings will be open from 1st March. Our Art Exhibition will be reinstated this year where parents and carers can browse pupil work when they come in to meet with teachers.

Building Works

Currently our 2 P7 classes are working in different classrooms due to planned building works in the first floor. They are looking on this as a wee holiday adventure. Our ELC is back on site following their little trip to Bathgate Early Years Centre.

Procession 2023

We are delighted to share that we have had a good number of volunteers from our community to form a procession committee. They have had two meetings, have set up a whats app group and are in the process of deciding on a theme for the float and getting underway with the design. Our recent coffee morning raised around 800 for materials and we still have some funds from last year when we didn't have a float so there should be around £1500 to help with the project.

School Fund

Our garden project is complete and the design looks amazing. We now look forward to getting our plants in when spring comes around. The cost allocated for plants is £1000. The next project is the nursery garden which we- have just received a quote of £18k for. We will then be left with some money for playground games painting. Based on this prediction around £25k will left to support with trips in the Summer term, Health and Fitness focus and end of year events. My intention is to conclude this session with £15k to take us into next year.

1+2 languages

Mrs Messenger, Miss Morland and myself attended the annual West Lothian conference on Friday and we have gathered a number of different ideas for our school. Classes have all decorated their doors for different countries for our languages focus.

P5-7 Show

Planning and prep is well underway for this show which takes place on 16th March. There is lots of activity and learning going on around the Arts. Great singing, dancing, drama and art happening within these stages. Tickets will be on sale after the February break.



Staffing

Miss Hesp (now Mrs Eull) will be leaving us at Easter time as she is moving to California with her new husband. Mrs Brown will also be leaving at Easter time to start her maternity leave. Miss Simpson will be taking over Mrs Brown's role after Easter and Mrs Wells will be sharing P5hp with Miss Porteous.

Students

We have teaching students working and learning in the following classes this term: P6w, P6bc, P5mw and P3pj.

Nursery Staffing

Welcome to Mrs McKeown who will be working with us on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and to Mrs Anderson who will be working with us on a Tuesday and Thursday.