

PTA meeting 26th January at 2pm

Present: Sylvia Campbell, Kirsty Henry, Fiona O'Reilly, Donna Nicol, Mrs Forster, Alex Prichard, Rachael Eglington, Katie Evans

1. Apologies: Sarah Gallier, Deborah Johnson, Elaine Melville
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting: Minutes were approved by all present at meeting.
3. Christmas shopping night: The night was a great success, and a huge thank you to everyone that helped organise. It was greatly attended and raised a good amount of money and was a lovely community event.
4. Christmas gift wrap: Went really well and had plenty of time to wrap all the presents this year with 11 helpers.
5. Christmas trees: Kilted Christmas trees was a huge success and raised £647.20 and they should pay this by the end of the month.
6. Christmas cards: A great success and we all agreed it would be really good to do again.
7. Top 100 club: Fiona said it is ready to go but we need to make sure we don't ask parents for too much. We would need 100 families to buy in to make it work so might make it top 50 instead. To gauge interest Mrs Forster will put info in the next newsletter and then ask parents through a text if they would be interested.
8. Boilerjuice: Sarah put information about it on the Christmas newsletter to help advertise, and a few people said they had previously looked into it and it can be more expensive than other companies, so this may be a reason that not many people use it.
9. Easy Fundraising: Mrs Forster will put information in the newsletter to help promote to parents. Rachael said we could have a laptop set up at the next parents' evening to demonstrate to parents.
10. Sainsbury's bag pack: we have booked bag pack for 8th April at Sainsbury's in Kinross, so a message will go out asking parents to save the date.
11. Smartie tubes: Smartie tubes to be sent out in February and Rachael has kindly offered to purchase 150 tubes that will be sent home to each child.
12. Powmill milk bar: to open on the 10th February.
13. Indian cooking demo: Sylvia was asking for suggestions for the best place to hold the event. It was mentioned that it may be able to be hosted at the village hall and Katie is to check with hall committee to see if this would be possible. Mrs Forster said she could speak to staff in kitchen to see if the event could be held there as another possibility. Mrs Forster also

mentioned the possibility of an open afternoon for the PTA, and we could include internet safety, second hand uniform sale, Lloyds and Barclays have a scheme for schools

14. Race night, disco, quiz?: we decided that we will have a summer school disco just like the Halloween disco, Donna said that she might be able to get some decorations for the summer disco. Rachael said regarding the race night that if we were to do it again we would probably need to do it in the hall and it would be BYOB. The quiz was a great success and was held two years ago. We decided it would be a great idea to alternate between the two events so we will look at having a quiz this year. We will ask Elaine if she could speak to Stuart to see if he would be able to host the quiz.
15. Calendar: Fiona mentioned an idea for next Christmas to do a school calendar and incorporating art work and maybe pictures of every child's whose birthday are on each month. Mrs Forster mentioned an idea of doing an academic calendar but might be able to get children to do as an enterprise project
16. Sponsored walk: Fiona mentioned that it would be good to organise a sponsored walk either during school hours or at the weekend. It was decided that it would be best to have it during school hours in May. PTA to organise sponsor forms and the school will require parent helpers for the walk.
17. Financial update: Fiona went through financial report and stated that we are in a very good position at the moment. We have made £2,521.05 since August.
18. Wish list:
 - a. Mrs Forster said that they need safety rails for the stage for safety reasons so that children don't fall off the stage. The company will charge around £700, it was mentioned by Alex that we could look at a joiner to do the work.
 - b. Mrs Forster said that she would like to purchase at least 25 Ukuleles for the children
 - c. As previously stated she would also like to get 8 Ipads that have to be purchased through PKC.
 - d. Lighting for the stage
 - e. Children have mentioned about getting a weather station for the school
19. AOB: heritage fund trust: Deborah has spoken to Sylvia and Fiona about the heritage trust. They support art, drama, and various other areas of education and we may be able to get funding as long as we can fit requirements for the grant. Deborah will meet with Fiona to discuss how to go further with the grant application.
20. Rumbling bridge: the PTA are welcome to have a tour of the hydro scheme and just need to contact Katherine to organise.
21. Date of next meeting – Thursday, 23rd March

Calendar of PTA events:

February: Smartie tubes to be sent out in February,
Indian cooking demo

March : 14 & 16 March , parents evening to hold 2nd hand uniform sale, to ask Sarah to have
a flyer done for the parents evening.

April:

Bag pack on the 8th April

May:

Sponsored walk during school time.

Quiz

June:

School disco