

Tipperty Parent Group Meeting

Wednesday 20th April

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Miss Buchan, Mrs Comery, Mrs Dew, Mrs Elrick-Stewart, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Hewitt, Mrs McKerrow.

Apologies: Miss Watt, Mrs Gillies.

2. Previous minutes

Approved by the meeting.

3. Chairperson's report

Mrs McKerrow thanked everyone for attending the meeting and Mrs Comery for her generous donation of £30 towards the paediatric defibrillator pads.

4. Headteacher's report

It has been great to welcome back the pupils this week for term 4. We are looking forward to another busy term ahead!

Eco Schools: 7th Green Flag!

We are delighted to announce that Tipperty School has been awarded its Seventh Green Flag! This is a fantastic achievement, and we are all very proud that the school has achieved this award. All children in Tipperty School have been involved in working towards the Green Flag application this school session. Green Flag Activities have included the Gardening group with Mrs Dew, One Planet Picnic organised by the Rotakids, recycling initiatives organised by Mrs Baillie and the Eco group, JRSO group with Mrs Stuart, P5-7's work towards the John Muir award with Mrs Irvine and our Newburgh Worms initiative. The Eco Group will now continue their work towards their 8th Green Flag!

Newburgh Worms

The children in P5-7 were recently visited by Mr Scott Baxter from Newburgh Worms. Mr Baxter has generously donated a wormery and worms to the school. Mr Baxter explained how the worms can help process some of the school's food waste. We thank Newburgh Worms for this donation and look forward to learning more about how to care for the worms in the coming months.

Titanic Day

To conclude the P5-7 Titanic topic the whole school took part in a special Titanic Day at the end of Term 3. Children worked in their House Groups throughout the day, learning about morse code, making soup, setting dining room tables, taking part in science experiments and learning more about the card games that may have been played on board the ship. It was fantastic to see all the pupils and staff boarding Titanic in their costumes! We hope the children all enjoyed their day on Titanic.

Health and Wellbeing: ALEC visitor

Children in both classes enjoyed a visit from the ALEC visitor in Term 3. P1-4 were learning how to keep their bodies healthy, and P5-7 were learning more about the topic of Friendships. These workshops link in well with our current Health and Wellbeing topics.

Thank you

We are very grateful to the Comery family for their recent donation towards the replacement defibrillator pads. This donation will help ensure that everyone in the community is kept safe.

Many thanks to those parents who responded to our recent feedback surveys on the School Behaviour Policy and the Report Card comment feedback.

We look forward to meeting all parents at the Parent Appointments scheduled for May.

5. Treasurer's report

No update available, but significant expenditure expected.

6. Purchasing

Miss Buchan has ordered two iPads for the school at a cost of £255.66 per tablet. **Mrs McKerrow will arrange for a cheque to be sent to school for this amount.**

Mrs Dew has purchased a small greenhouse for the garden and will submit a receipt for reimbursement.

Mrs Dew and Mrs McKerrow will investigate the cost of bark chippings for the outdoor area and will report back on this.

Further purchases for the outdoor area will be made in due course.

7. Event for Term 4

Some parents have expressed their interest in a family bingo night. Those present discussed various options and it was decided that the parent group will host a bingo night on Friday 17th June in the school hall. It will be open to all families and members of the Tipperty community. To include a small raffle, lucky squares etc. to raise some funds on the night.

Miss Buchan will find out what the charge was for the last bingo night – tickets for this event will be set at the same price.

Mrs McKerrow will make a promotional flyer and send to the office for distribution.

Miss Buchan will include an item on this in her community newsletter.

8. Appointing new office bearers

Mrs McKerrow advised the meeting that she will be stepping down as Chairperson at the end of this term as her son will move to academy. The role is not overly onerous, and it is hoped that a willing replacement will be found. Mrs Harrison intimated that she would assume the role in the absence of any other volunteers.

Mrs McKerrow to draft an email to parents asking for someone to volunteer for the position of Chairperson at the next meeting.

Mrs McKerrow to check constitutional arrangements and whether an AGM is necessary before the summer break and to appoint new office bearer(s).

9. AOCB

Defibrillator

Mrs Elrick-Stewart informed the group that SMG safety have advised her of a lengthy wait for the replacement pads, battery and paediatric pads for the defibrillator. The current pads go out of date on 3rd July and the expected delivery of the replacements appears to be into September. Mrs Harrison suggested contacting custodians of other defibrillators to see if we could borrow new pads until ours arrived.

Mrs Elrick-Stewart to contact SMG safety to determine:

- Expected delivery window
- Whether the defibrillator should be decommissioned in the meantime

Mrs McKerrow to contact community council to establish insurance implications around the pads becoming out of date and whether we should seek pads from an alternative source (other local defibrillators) in the meantime.

10. Date of next meeting

6.30pm, Wednesday 15th June