

Tipperty Parent Group

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 28th February @ 6.30pm

Attendees: Miss. Buchan (Head Teacher), Mrs. Comery, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs Watt, , Miss Sheriffs, Mrs Yeoman, Mrs Baillie

Item	Notes	Actions
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u> Mrs. Comery thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Miss McKimmie, Mrs Bergh and Mrs Hewitt.</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> The minutes from the last meeting on 10th January were approved.</p>	
3	<p><u>Chairperson's Report</u> Mrs. Comery chairperson read out her report as follows.</p> <p>Welcome everyone. Since our last meeting, not a huge amount has happened.</p> <p>The Dinky Doctors are coming on Friday and the school trip on Monday are both funded by the PTC. We hope the kids have a great time and are excited that it will also help with the John Muir award too.</p> <p>In the background the new boards have been sourced for the shelter shed at a cost of £141.05. This will help ensure the longevity of the art work.</p> <p>Looking forward to the Easter Bingo and the lease has been approved and ready to go!</p> <p>Hope it will be a great night!</p>	
4	<p><u>Head Teacher's Report</u></p> <p>Since the last Parent Group meeting at the start of January the children have been working on the topics of Space and also a Scottish Topic. In the second half of term 3 the children have been working on a Science (renewable energy) topic and also Outdoor Learning.</p> <p>Techfest Dome In January we were visited by the Techfest dome. All pupils had the opportunity to explore the night sky in an immersive workshop experience. This links to our Space topic.</p> <p>Trip to the Music Hall We were recently fortunate to attend a performance of the RSNO orchestra at Aberdeen Music Hall. The performance was entitled "Still I Rise." This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience the sound of a live orchestra. Thank you to Mrs Moffatt and our parent helpers who gave up their time to support this trip.</p>	

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Pupil Scottish Celebration

In February all pupils took part in a Pupil Scottish Celebration. Thank you to Mrs Dew and Mrs McLeish for joining our celebration. The children shared Scottish poems and took part in Scottish Country dancing, some wearing kilts or a touch of tartan! We were also delighted to see some individual music and dance performances.

Spring Show

Today we have had a successful visit to the Spring Show at Thainstone. This visit links to learning in the area of agriculture and uses of land. We were delighted to be allocated funding for transport and tickets for the show by Royal Northern Countryside Initiative. Thank you to the parents who supported this trip.

Outdoor Learning- John Muir Award

This term pupils in Primary 4/7 have started work on their John Muir award. Pupils in P1/3 have enjoyed learning about animal habitats and have started work towards their RSPB Wild Explorer award. As part of the work toward John Muir the children will be exploring different outdoor environments. The younger children will concentrate their efforts in making plans to conserve the school grounds. The upcoming visits to Auchmacoy estate and Bennachie with the Aberdeenshire Ranger will provide opportunities for the children to explore different outdoor spaces and to think about how they can be conserved. Many thanks to Tipperty Parent Group for funding the Outdoor Learning session at Auchmacoy Estate.

Gaelic Learning Week

Mrs Baillie and pupils in Primary 5/7 have recently been participating in Gaelic Learning week. This work builds on the online Gaelic sessions the children were accessing in terms 1 and 2, organised through e-Sgoil. This has added another dimension to our work on the topic of Scotland.

Learning Labs Topic

All pupils are currently working on a sustainable energy focus in Science, accessing resources from Aberdeen Science Centre. The children have been learning about wind power, solar energy and hydro power so far.

Gardening Group

Mrs Dew has continued to work with the Garden group this term and the group are looking forward to receiving an allocation of plants from The Greenspace Project. We have also been contacted by Ythan Community Council who are hoping to help replace the large planters at the front of the school.

Active Schools Squash

Active Schools are delivering a block of squash skills to our older pupils this term. The children have greatly enjoyed the introductory lessons they have attended so far.

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5	<p><u>Treasurer’s Report</u> In the absence of Mrs. Gillies, Mrs. Comery advised that there was currently £4,116.88 in the account. There are 3 invoices to be paid: £229.50 for this year’s panto, £150 for the Dinky Docs and £240 for the bus used in December for the panto. Auchmacoy will cost £150. This leaves £3,347.38</p>	

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6	<p><u>Fundraising & Planning</u></p> <p>Easter Rock n Roll Bingo This is planned for the 22nd March, and money raised will fund this year’s panto trip. We still have tea, coffee, juice and raffle books left from previous events. Mrs Comery will source cakes for the event. It was agreed we would stick with the same entry fee as last year (£5 for an adult, £2 for a child) and this includes 3 bingo cards and refreshments. Raffles to be sold separately. We are looking for raffle prizes to be donated.</p> <p>Miss Buchan will prepare a community newsletter to be ready for the 15th March to include a section about the bingo as a reminder to local residents. It was discussed the newsletter could also mention that the school was linked to a local artist for the work being done on the shelter.</p>	<p>CC</p> <p>MB</p>
7	<p><u>A.O.C.B</u></p> <p><u>School Open Day</u></p> <p>Miss Buchan advised there had been a couple of visits to the school following the advertisement Parent Group members had shared on social media. She has not had any feedback since. This shows the advert has done some good and we should continue to promote the school.</p> <p><u>P1 intake for 2024/25</u></p> <p>Miss Buchan is not aware of any P1 starts for the coming school year, and would not be notified of any out of zone applications until April. Miss Buchan advised that schools must always give a place to in-zone students, even if they join mid-term. The Parent Group have raised the issue of the proposed new school at Foveran, as it had been rumoured that it was no longer going ahead, and if pupils would be re-located to Tipperty, as it is deemed to be the better school in terms of space, facilities etc. Miss Buchan has not heard anything regarding this, and did not get any information from the latest Council meeting information online. Miss Buchan mentioned that the Council are going through school clusters to look at numbers, capacities etc. but this is a long, on-going process and she does not know when our cluster will be looked at.</p> <p><u>Defibrillator</u></p> <p>Mrs Comery had contacted SADS following our last meeting to advise them we would hold onto the money until we were ready to order/purchase the new machine – she has not yet had a reply.</p> <p><u>Commemorative Bench</u></p> <p>This still needs to be tweaked, and they also have not provided an invoice for payment yet. Mrs Mackay to chase them</p>	<p>TM</p>

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	<p>100 Club The expected profit for the 100 Club this year is £324.</p> <p>Planters The Ythan Community Council have advised Miss Buchan planters could possibly be made, she is just waiting on confirmation from them. They have been sent pictures of what we currently have.</p> <p>Shelter 4 new boards are to be purchased, at a cost of £141.05. Mrs Comery is to contact Jane Bradford about painting these – it was suggested she could do this in the school at a mutually convenient time, then they could be attached to the wall. Some prep work will still need to be done. There is a tree from the property next to the school with an over-hanging branch that is affecting the shelter. Miss Buchan suggested the children write a letter to request permission to cut this (although it can be done without permission if needed). Mrs Comery also advised the gutters and flashing will need some work also. Once the boards are painted, we will need volunteers to do the necessary work.</p> <p>School Interior Miss Buchan received a quote of £1,846 exc. VAT so we will be unable to go ahead with this.</p>	CC MB
8	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Wednesday 24th April – Parent Group meeting</p>	