

Parsons Green Parent Council Annual Report June 2021

As the school year comes to a close for another year at Parsons Green, the Parent Council has been reflecting on a year like no other.

Firstly, we would like to say a **massive thank you** to Mrs Cochrane and all of the staff at Parsons Green who have done an **incredible** job of making sure our young people experienced the best possible education in a very difficult and uncertain time.

The Parent Council has also had to adapt and think differently over this past year. Meeting online has had its advantages and may be a format that is taken forward when restrictions are lifted, as a way to reach more parents in the future.

Many of this year's PC meetings became opportunities to hear about safe schooling, as the guidelines changed around Covid. This communication from Susan Cochrane helped hugely and was an important way for parents to hear about the next steps.

In line with the school's priorities this year and in particular because of the pandemic the Parent Council focused on the following:

- Health & Safety
- Digital learning provision
- Outdoor learning
- Health & Wellbeing

Many of our usual fundraising initiatives were put on hold, but through Parent Pay donations, a fundraising walk to raise money to make improvements to the grounds & a community grant secured to create a fruit forest, the Parent Council found other ways to make things happen.

Elspeth McCormick kindly organised the tea towel fundraising again this year - Thank you! They are great and we really appreciate the time and effort that goes into making this happen.

Claire Haggett & Arabella Fischer have done an incredible job of sorting out the pre-loved uniforms. Thank you both for this hugely important work.

Although p7 pupils haven't been able to do their residential trip or transition to High School in the usual way, the school and p7 parents have worked closely together to make this a very special year for the pupils and I would like to say another massive thank you to all those involved in making this happen. There have been lots of p7 fundraising & quality fest planning behind the scenes and the Epic Days out and Foxlake will be memories for all the p7s to treasure.

The Parent Council would also like to extend our very best wishes to teachers who are moving on from Parsons Green.

To Mrs Paul for an amazing 26 years at Parsons Green, we wish you all the very best in your retirement! and also our best wishes to Mr. Marquez & Ms Williamson who will also be missed very much.

This will be my last year with children at Parsons Green Primary and I have always been struck by the great sense of community at the school and in the neighbourhood. The Window Wanderland was a great example of this with the p7 classes lighting up the school for Remembrance Sunday.



Our Sustrans project which was funded in 2020 has taken a bit of a back seat over the last year but the idea is to continue working with the other cluster primary schools and High School. The funding for the project is still at the early stages. If you are interested in finding out more there is a draft report attached to this report and you can take a look at the website to see the kind of activities the designers came up with as an alternative to working with pupils in school. Again a creative way of working within difficult circumstances.

<http://www.active-streets.co.uk>



It has been an absolute pleasure to be Co-Chair with Rachel King this year and Chair in previous years.

I would like to extend again a massive thank you to all the staff at the school for always being so open to different Parent Council initiatives and also to the brilliant team - Rachel, Emma & Carys for all the work you have put into the PC.

Please do come forward if there is anything that you would like to get involved with in the Parent Council. It is a great way to feel a strong connection with the school. I have got so much out of being involved and will really miss everyone at Parsons Green.

Sam Rutherford (co-chair)