

Parsons Green Primary School

Dream, Believe, Achieve!

Parent Council HT Report 15th Nov 2021



**We Are:
Ready
Respectful
Safe**



HT Report



- **Covid Updates** – things continue to be very challenging in school with covid cases and absences, however, we are continuing to do our best to maintain as much consistency as possible and focus on keeping the school open. We are still adhering to the Covid Guidance for Schools from the Scottish Government (which means no large gatherings such as assemblies, parents helpers/visitors in school etc). Despite the challenges there continue to be lots of positives:
- Active Schools Clubs have been going well with very positive uptake – not quite enough to cover the costs has been donated so the Parent Council will need to honour the commitment to cover the costs and consider continuing the commitment for next term until Easter. Over half the amount required has been donated.
- Building Resilience – now onto the Talk it Over unit
- Music lessons from a NYCoS (National Youth Choir of Scotland) tutor have taken place with P3 and P4/3. P1 and P2 are about to have a few weeks with the Youth Music Initiative around Scots Songs.
- The first sessions of outdoor sessions with The Green Team have gone well. Tennis coaching went well for P5-7 classes with Abercorn
- P7 playleaders training has been completed and they successfully led sessions with P1 and 2 classes, they are now on a rota practising these skills and playing with the P1-2 children.
- P6 are about to undertake a block of five sessions funded from The Royal Institute of Philosophy around Philosophy for Children which is aimed at developing critical thinking and enquiry skills.
- The staff are working on Child Protection Training, introducing the Zones of Regulation programme, taking part in lesson-studies with each other with a focus around Writing and looking at how we can refresh our curriculum with Learning for Sustainability as a key driver....
- Staffing updates: Karen Marr is the new Early Years Officer in the nursery, Mrs McRobert and Mrs King are going to be job-sharing the P5 class from January, Mrs Shepherd will be going on maternity leave in January for a year, her replacement has been interviewed for and will be announced when the recruitment process has been completed. New posts funded centrally have been created for a PSA and an EYP in the P1/2 classes to support the play-pedagogy approach, these will appear advertised on the My Job Scotland website in the coming days.
- Classroom window displays around COP26 are looking great and sharing a strong message – we are wanting to build on this and the passion of our young people around climate change and sustainability. We are looking for some parents to join a short workshop to look at this area of the curriculum to help us refresh this and make it relevant for our own community.

embedded in the curriculum international education ethos
equality and fairness values-based understanding interdependence improving attainment and achievement
outdoor learning resilience critical thinking health and wellbeing
sustainable energy and water use local to global eradicating poverty and inequity
responsible use of our planet's resources play children's rights skills for work
links between environment, society and economy creativity contact with nature
problem solving school linking
fair trade respect
peace and conflict identity and heritage
social justice engaging with democracy human rights addressing discrimination and prejudice
sustainable buildings and grounds discussing controversial issues
sustainable development education learners as leaders protecting biodiversity
developing political literacy tackling climate change growing food
culture community partnerships systems thinking global citizenship ethical issues
social and cultural diversity cooperative, collaborative and active learning waste reduction and recycling

Digital Strategy: working on the Digital Schools Award

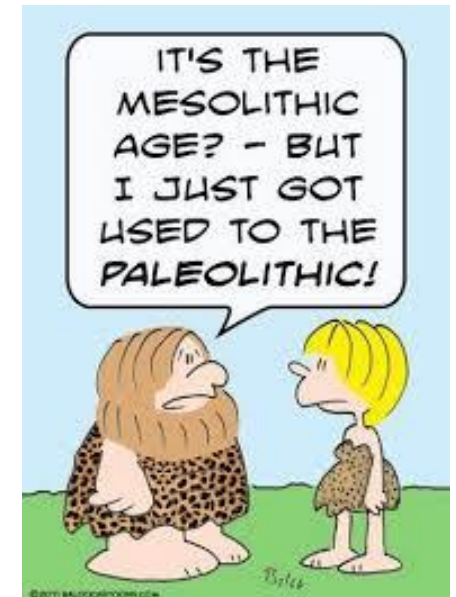
Priority 1	10 iPads	£3100 - ordered (PC)	THANK YOU! 😊 In use.... 
Priority 2	Nursery whiteboard	£2900	
Priority 3	Programmable toys	£2000	
Priority 4	10 iPads	£3100	
Priority 5	10 iPads	£3100	
		TOTAL: £14,200 (approx.)	

We now urgently need 4x IWB –Interactive White Boards to support learning in class at a cost of £3000 each = £12,000. This is overtaking other Digital Priorities at present. The commitment to supporting this is really appreciated but will require fundraising!

The Empowered Edinburgh Project is aiming to have 1:1 ipad devices for every P6 to S6 pupil in the city to support learning.

Please see a letter to all parents/carers this week from the Interim Director of Education and Children's Services explaining the project.

This is about equity and ensuring that every child has access to the skills that they need for the 21st century.



Outdoor Grounds update from BIG WEEKEND! 13th and 14th Nov21

Thank you to all the parent/carer volunteers, pupils and Tool Library volunteers for their help over the weekend. Particular thanks to Grace Murray-Cavanagh for leading this project and organising the practical elements, such as the portaloo and skip!

A huge amount of work was achieved around the grounds, the [Edinburgh Tool Library](#) led the building of new picnic tables and benches, alongside the repairing and refurbishing of planters. They were generous with sharing their skills and patient in teaching and helping others to take part.

Gill and Ed from Corylus will be making a start on the wildlife garden in the coming months.

Here are some photos from the weekend....



BIG OUTDOOR WEEKEND!

Thank you to everyone who came
along to help.....

Turn this.....



...into this!



Cal and Samuel, with
some help from
Samuel's dad, helped
build this new planter!



Before



After



Photos by P7



Fantastic help to
clear weeds and
cut back bushes
from many, many
helpers!

Thomas and his
family tidying up the
P1-2 play area...





Lots of helpers!

Oli and his mum building a picnic table...



Arthur with his dad and little brother sawing...



Volunteers building and repairing picnic tables



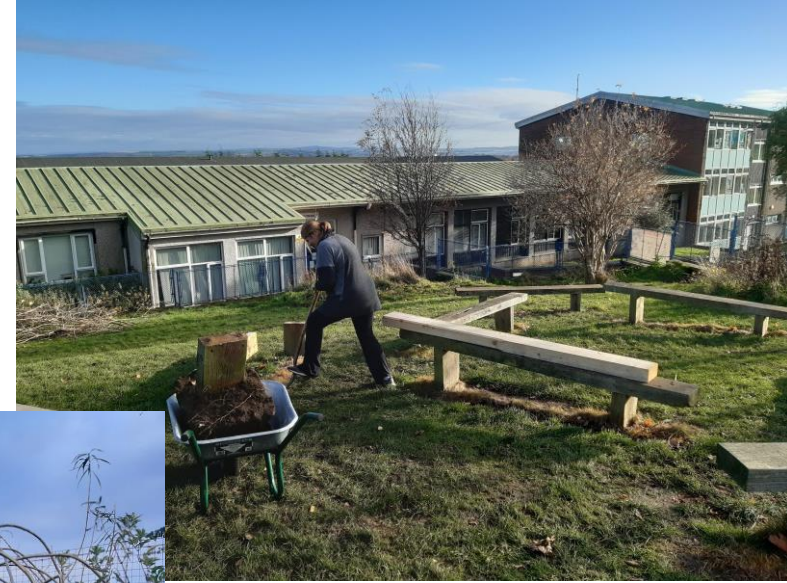
A new home for some picnic tables!



Fitting the new seat with a curved log – the verdict? “Very comfy!”



Lots of digging and hard work around the grounds.
Here are Livia, Evie and Freya, having a wee rest!



Willow woven into
an arch and the
area made into a
den! Thank you
Thomas and Chloe
(and mum and
dad!)

Thank you to Ms Murray-Cavanagh and the Edinburgh Tool Library for organising this weekend!



See twitter or Instagram for more pictures. More info: [Edinburgh Tool Library - Edinburgh Tool Library](#)