



Cockenzie Primary School Parent Link Annual Report

1st May 2019

Introduction

This report gives a summary of the activities and work of the Parent Link over the past 9 months (school session 2018-19).

Current Chairs

Kelly Evans
Nichola Ma

Summary of Activities

- Parent volunteers worked with Cockenzie in Bloom to clear and tidy the Outdoor Classroom space over several weekends
- Session on Poverty Awareness run by Louise Clark, Teacher & parent & supported by Daniel Baigrie, Community development Officer
- Grant awarded by the community council after a proposed application for funding towards the purchase of traffic characters. These will be used in the immediate area around the school (in particular the entrance and exit areas of the school gates and along School road) to help bring attention to traffic calming
- Friday morning Tea & Toast every 6 weeks, which gives parents who can't attend formal Parent Link meetings the chance to share their views about the school.
- Linking school with 3 harbours Arts festival to involve children in designing brochure for 2019.

Issues raised with the school from parents and members of the Parent Link:

- Children's wellbeing and use of Pupil Equity Funding
- Playground use and improvement plan
- Clarification of the school bullying policy
- Dog-fouling in and around the school grounds
- Use of Travelling theatre companies as an alternative to Pantomime trips



- Continuation of the Daily mile and use of the outdoor garden & other outdoor spaces to promote physical & mental health contributing to enhanced learning
- Consistency across teaching staff around issuing of Homework & concerns about the purpose and value of HW, particularly when it has a negative impact on the child's experience of learning at home

Feedback from the school re. parental engagement & impact of the parent link

The school is delighted with the continuing improvement of consultation and feedback on their work. The Parent Link have worked to widen their reach to parents / carers who are unable to attend the meeting but wish their voice to be heard.

The tea and toast allows parents to join with the chairs to discuss items of interest and the reply slip on the agenda notification allows views to be canvassed before the meetings.