

LORETTO PARENT PARTNERSHIP (LPP)

Report for 2017-18

Welcome to our report of the Loretto Parent Partnership. The LPP, has been in operation for over 10 years and this report tells you more about the LPP, what we have achieved and our hopes and aims for the coming year.

We represent you and to do that, we depend on your feedback, your comments, your suggestions and your ideas. We would very much welcome hearing what you think about what we do or more importantly what we don't do. Please contact us via email on parentcouncil@loretto.elcschool.org.uk or speak to your class rep.

About the LPP

Loretto Parent Partnership represents you, the parents and carers of the Loretto Primary School children. As parent or carer of any pupil attending the school, you are automatically a member of the Parent Forum – all members of the Parent Forum can volunteer to be a member of the LPP.

We meet at regular intervals throughout the school year and these are open meetings, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please feel free to come along to one of our meetings or to contact any of the LPP members on the list should you be unable to attend meetings in person but would like to discuss something with us. A list of proposed meeting dates will be posted on the school calendar, our Facebook page and a reminder will be sent.

We are chaired by a member of our Parent Forum and we have parent members representing all of the classes in the school, including the nursery classes. We work in Partnership with the school (HT Mrs McBean) and other staff reps on the LPP, Church(Father Basil) and our local Councillors.

Review of things we have achieved so far.

We have achieved a number of things, including:

- We ran a successful and well attended Christmas fair.
- The LPP provided ice cream when the children visited the Brunton Theatre to see the Pantomime, we also provided ice-cream for every child on school sports day (we cater for the children who can't have ice-cream so no child is left out).
- On a Sunday after mass we regularly host the Church Tea/Coffee rota to provide the parishioners with refreshments which gives us another avenue to raise funds for the school.
- LPP members are delivering Bikeability training at school, with a few parents donating their time to complete courses and help the children learn to ride their bikes safely.
- LPP decided to also run a whole school End of Term disco, Halloween disco and Christmas disco. These have been very successful, which led us to purchase our own disco lights rather than hire a disco which cost £150. We purchased the lights for around £300, these have been used at both last years Halloween and Christmas

party as well as the school using them for all the classes Christmas parties last year. So we have basically already recouped the money we would normally spend.

- Last year, in conjunction with Father Basil and the hall committee, we had a Burns Celidih Night and a St Andrews Night, again these seem to be greatly received by Loretto parents, but also our parish community as a whole.
- We have provided the school with £1000 which is to go into a Hardship fund. This fund will be used at the Headteacher's discretion to help those in financial difficulty with the costs of school.
- We have also funded towards other class trips including New Lanark, Butterfly World and Zoo and we have also donated funds for P5 John Muir projects, as well as the Eco project (planters within the school and nursery playgrounds).
- School Calendars were completely sold out! It was our first year in colour and hopefully we can even have the kids drawing in colour as well for 2018, so I think if you want calendars in 2018 you will need to be quick and get them as soon as they go on sale.

We'd like to thank all parents that volunteered their time to help us, as well as all those who donated to various events. These events are being run for all our children and will only be successful if supported by our parents. If we don't have the help and support then we are unable to run the events which would be a unfortunate as it would be the children losing out. We hope that you will continue to support our work going forward.

Our aims and objectives for the coming year

Our main aim is to identify and represent the views of parents and carers on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the well-being of the school. In addition to this we hope to:

- Facilitate greater parental/carer involvement in the school by working in partnership with the Headteacher, ELC, Education Scotland, specifically to help achieve the objectives on the school improvement plan (Provisions of the Education (Scotland) Bill).
- Continue to provide financial assistance to the school.
- Continue our relationship with St David's, their parent council and our Parish Church.
- Continue to communicate with all our parent forum across all platforms.
- To re-establish a closer working relationship with the Pupil Council.
- To look at getting more parent helpers to support and help with the various events held each year. A lot of our parents have left as children move on to high school, and a few are away within the next 1 – 2 years, which will leave us at crisis point, we need to replenish this valuable and wonderful resource.

Your child's School Needs you!

How can you get involved?

Here are some ideas:

- **Volunteer to become a member of the LPP.**

- **Attend one of our meetings** (they are open to all parents/carers).
- **Get in touch with your class representative or email us** parentcouncil@loretto.elcschool.org.uk your suggestions or views about the school and how parents can get involved.
- **PLEASE fill any questionnaires or surveys that we issue to obtain your views.**
- **Any existing member of the LPP would be happy to discuss it further with you or accompany you to your 1st meeting.**

Chair – Sandra Gray (Kara P7, Ava P4 & Freya P2)

Vice-Chair – Krysia Meek (Ruby P4 & Harry P2)

Treasurer – Karen Flunkert (Issac P5 & Anna P2)

Clerk – Lynn Donohoe

Staff Members: Mrs McBean & Mrs Todd

Co-Opted Members: Father Basil, Councillor Katie Mackie, Councillor Stuart Currie

Councillor Andy Forrest.