

Pinkie Parents Annual Report 2015-16

Welcome to the ninth annual report of Pinkie Parents, the Parent Council for Pinkie St Peter's Primary School.

Pinkie Parents is now nine years old and we continue to strive to establish how best we can represent the parents of the school and support the aims of the school.

This annual report tells you more about Pinkie Parents and what we've been up to this year.

We represent you, and to do that, we depend on your feedback, your comments, your suggestions and your ideas. There is a regular item on the agenda of every meeting for issues that you have raised with members for discussion.

We hope you find this annual report of interest and look forward to hearing from you.

Pinkie Parents

About Pinkie Parents

Pinkie Parents represents you, the parents and carers of Pinkie St Peter's Primary School children, collectively known as the Parent Forum. Levenhall Nursery moved to Pinkie School this year and membership of Pinkie Parents was extended to all Parents and Carers from Levenhall Nursery.

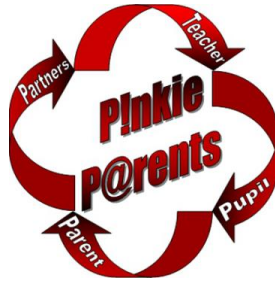
We were established in September 2007 following a change in the law which abolished School Boards and required all schools in Scotland to set up a Parent/Carer Council in its place.

We are chaired by a parent member of Pinkie Parents, and we aim to have parent members representing every year in the school.

We work in partnership with the school, Sarah Ogden, Head teacher and Hazel Rae, Deputy Head teacher regularly attended our meetings over the last school year.

Teaching staff are also present at our meetings and give us an insight into what is important to the staff and pupils and how we can help.

We are fortunate also in having representation from local councillors Andy Forrest and Stuart Currie who regularly attended our meetings and listened to our concerns and raised issues on our behalf.



Our objectives

One of our main aims is to identify and represent the views of parents and carers on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the welfare of all pupils.

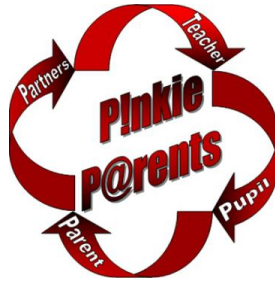
Other aims and objectives as stated in our constitution are as follows:

- To work in partnership with the school
 - To promote partnership between the school, pupils, all parents of the wider community
 - Develop and engage in activities which support the education of and welfare of the pupils
 - To promote and encourage the participation of parents in these activities
 - To participate in the appointment procedures for Head Teacher and Depute Head Teacher appointments
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Review of the year

Our main achievements this year include:

- Discussing issues of importance to the school including the Curriculum for Excellence, Budgets and school extension
- Involvement in the consultation process for a proposed new second secondary school in Musselburgh
- Providing parent involvement on a range of activities at school events.
- Representing and supporting Head Teacher at meeting with East Lothian Council regarding the parking at front gate resulting in temporary barriers
- Fundraising for the school (separate report)
- We currently have a representative on the Musselburgh Area Partnership. This new body is one of 6 across East Lothian which provides the community of Musselburgh with influence as to how council resources are delivered in Musselburgh to meet the aims and objectives of the East Lothian Council Strategy.
- Continued working with the school management team to develop and maintain communication links with parents and carers focusing on the school website and the use of a Facebook group page and twitter feed.
- Continuing to work with organisers of the Edinburgh Marathon to fundraise at this event and publicise Pinkie Parents. The annual donation from Edinburgh Marathon will continue while the event finishes in Pinkie Playing fields.



Fundraising Group

Fundraising Group continue to meet and work with the school team to progress opportunities to raise funds to be used to benefit the school and its pupils

The core fundraising activity for the year 2015/16 is as follows;

- Fancy Dress Disco in November 2015
- Christmas Card Designed by Pupils and sold to parents/carers
- Edinburgh Marathon stall selling goodies to participants and spectators in May 2016
- School Fair held on 18th June 2016
- Joint Music Night fundraiser with Pinkie Out of School Club held on Friday 10th June 2016
- Pinkie fundraising secured money from the Musselburgh Common Good Fund to purchase cameras for the school

Funds continue to support Benmore, P7 yearbook and Christmas Parties.

At our last meeting in August it was agreed that a plan would be produced on how the funds are to be spent this will be agreed at our next Pinkie Parents meeting and published on our Facebook page

How can you get involved?

Here are some ideas:

- Volunteer to become a member of Pinkie Parents;
- Volunteer to become a member of the Fundraising Group;
- Attend one of our meetings (they are open to all, not just members);
- Get in touch with your class rep, and give us your suggestions or views about the school and how parents can get involved;
- Fill in any questionnaires or surveys that we issue to obtain your views.

Membership of Pinkie Parents

Our constitution allows for office bearers to stay on for two years, with representatives being reviewed annually. Full details of reps for each class can be found on the school notice board and/or school website.



AGM

Our AGM takes place annually in October and everyone is welcome to attend. We use the AGM to review our achievements and discuss our priorities for the years ahead.

The AGM took place on 3 October 2016 at 7.00pm at the School.

Our newly elected office bearers for the 2016-2017 school sessions are:

Chair – Susan Harkins
Vice Chair – Susan Gallagher
Treasurer – Vacant (Claire Morley temp filling position)
Clerk – Kirsty Sivell

The future.....

Pinkie Parents aims to represent the views of parents and being involved is one of the best ways for parents to find out how the school is run.

It also provides an opportunity for parents to offer support in fundraising, practical support and organising social events so that parents can get to meet each other.

Everyone is welcome to the meetings – come along just to listen or to get more involved.

More information is available on the school website and any comments or questions may be sent to the Pinkie Parents email address

<http://edubuzz.org/blogs/pinkie>

parentcouncil@pinkie-st-peters.elcschool.org.uk

Or post a comment on the Face book page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pinkieparentcouncil>