



was producing a bumper edition of the school newsletter.

**DB** said that new guidance had now been produced by the Government on what information schools should include in the handbook produced for parents. **DB** asked PC members what information they would find useful. **JB** suggested a map of the school. **JR** thought that information about arrangements for pupils to attend music lessons from visiting instrumental teachers should be provided.

The P7 parents' information evening would be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. The Connexions@Ross curriculum and careers information evening would be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. **DB** said that the school was considering whether to keep the same format and the same name. **JB** suggested that the evening could start a little earlier to give parents/pupils the opportunity to visit stands before workshops began and that more information about participants could be provided to families beforehand. **JR** said that some presentations/workshops could be more pupil orientated.

**CS** asked for parent volunteers to help out with clothes, hair and make-up at a fundraising fashion show which would be held in the evening of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils would model winter day wear and Christmas party wear. The photography class would take photos of the event and pupils studying hospitality would be asked to provide refreshments.

**DB** said that an article about the school's Green Flag award would be appearing in the Council's Living magazine.

#### 4. Parents' Queries

**JR** said that a recent text from the school about merit achievement had not made clear if the recipient was male or female and that this could cause confusion in households with both boys and girls at the school. **DB** said that the pupils concerned would also receive written confirmation of their award.

In response to a question from **JR**, **DB** said that pupils were in three different groups for registration classes, practical classes and non-practical classes. Subjects were taught in mixed ability classes except for Maths which was in sets.

**DB** said that the new timetable for the Pencaitland bus had come into operation on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September and pupils had been arriving at school on time. **JB** thanked the Council's transportation department for its work in resolving the bus timetable problem. **SA** said that she would pass this on.

**SA**

#### 5. Any Other Competent Business

**FM** asked if the PC could fund part of the transport costs of the charity shoebox appeal which was being organised by the 6<sup>th</sup> year. This was £2.50 per box and last year 100 boxes had been collected. Members thought that the PC should provide £100 initially and that pupils could make a request for further funds if necessary. This would need to be agreed at the next quorate PC meeting or by email.

**JB**

**DB** said that she would circulate an email from the East Lothian Bus Group, which was seeking parent representatives.

**DB/NN**

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25th October 2012 at 7.00pm.**