

# GLENURQUHART PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PARENT COUNCIL

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 25 November 2019 at 6.00 pm

#### Chairperson's Report

Session 2018/19 was another fantastic and enjoyable year for Parent Council, the children, staff and the school. Despite my best efforts to be more involved with the school and the huge changes in Education that are proposed, my day job and home life have once more made this impossible. Our Local Authority is making a lot of changes and is under a lot of financial pressure. We have tried to address some of the areas for parents who face similar struggles with budgets over the last few Parent Council Meetings. It is difficult to find ways to balance fundraising in order to help ensure our young people get as many opportunities as we can afford to provide them, without creating too much strain on families. Once again Mrs Laird and her dedicated team have gone the extra mile to ensure Glenurquhart PS performs consistently well and gives our children so many opportunities to try something new. One of the highlights for me last year was the STEM Kit Car - thanks to our PEF funding. Thanks also to Laura Stebbings (parent) and Mrs Laird for giving the children such a new and unique experience. I enjoyed watching the progress and seeing the photos on the school website and then finally seeing the children enjoy driving it at the end of the summer term. Another highlight was the schools Euroquiz success having scored the most points in the first round and then overall runners up in the head to head. Thanks to Fiona McKenzie (parent) for her help with the coaching. We have also now had our GME class back for a full academic year and Mrs MacVicar seems to be doing a great job. I have had very positive feedback from parents I have spoken to who are glad to have their children back in the local school. There were many other achievements during the last year with success at football, athletics, karate and winning awards for the school.

Parent Council met 4 times during last session and our fundraising meant that further meetings were required to discuss the Summer Fayre arrangements. For anyone who was involved in the Summer Fayre I would like to say a huge thank you as the most unbelievable freak weather hit us literally just as we opened. After 2 hours of setting up outdoors we had to abandon that plan and move what we could indoors. Despite the chaos of that everyone had a great time and I think it is fair to say the Human Fruit Machine, Nerf Gun Game, face paints, hair feathers and tattoos kept the kids and adults amused. There was so much great food from the BBQ, fresh

lemonade, ice cream and cakes. I was astounded to learn at the end of the day we had raised over £700. Having the chance to buy the art which our children had on display was an added bonus. It was such a shame that we had to abandon the other outdoor games but hopefully there will be a next time! Sadly it did mean the end of an era where many of my fellow parent council members have now left as their children have moved on to Secondary School. We say goodbye to Lisa Cetiner, Lorraine Young, Sally McCloskey, Nichola Christie and Audrey Graesser. Thank you all for your contribution over the years to the meetings and for all the fundraising that you have done for the school.

Unfortunately I do not know who will be Office Bearers at this moment for 2019/20 session but I do hope to see lots of parents here at the AGM who would like the chance to be involved in this important forum. Parents do help the school to decide what is important for the children, where we need to improve and what they would like to see happening. Mrs Laird and her team are always happy to engage with everyone to find out what we can do to continue our journey together as each year this school goes from strength to strength.

Finally I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all who have helped and supported me during the last year with fundraising and attending meetings along with your valued input. I also want to thank Mrs Laird and her Team for their hard work and dedication. I very much look forward to the year ahead, my final year with the school as my youngest child embarks on her Primary 7 journey where I know she will learn the skills she needs to leave this school completely prepared for what lies ahead in S1.

Regards

Lynn Milton  
Chairperson GUPS Parent Council