**APS Parent Council Meeting 15 January 2020**

**Apologies**

Katya Helik, Clare Jarvis, Sas Roberts

**Present**

Helena Ekerot, Carole Butler, June Armstrong, Clare Whyte , Martina Norrie, Lynne Warden, Daisy Grant, Judith Thurlow, Kate Johnson, Emma MacCallum.

**Head Teacher Report**

* **Staffing**

Kenny Rogan has taken up post as Clerical in ELC.

P7 teacher vacancy, Mr McLean retirement. Kirsty Dudgeon (formerly Anderson) is teaching the class on a supply basis until it is advertised.

* **School Improvement Plan/PEF**

**Writing:**

Writing workshop held for parents/carers.

We welcomed authors Nancy Chambers and Barbara Henderson to school to share their latest books and inspire our children to becoming authors of the future. We have launched our lunchtime ‘Author’s Club’ for keen writers.

**Digital Literacy:**

P7 children have worked with Speysound Radio to produce their own radio show. This aired on Christmas Day and included interviews with clients from the Glen Centre about their memories of Christmas as well as interviews and quizzes with school staff.

**Positive Relationships:**

Christmas Jumper Day raised £188 for MFR Cash for Kids Mission Christmas Appeal.

P6/7 hosted ‘Aviemore’s Got Talent’ to showcase musical, dance, sport and magic skills and raised £150 for the Abernethy Trust.

Intergenerational learning between our nursery children and clients at the local Glen Centre. Children have taken part in various activities such as singing, jigsaws and writing Christmas letters.

Pupils from the upper school took part in an intergenerational learning experience joining Otago classes and singing carols to participants.

**Other:**

Nursery children continue their outdoor experiences on a weekly basis at Milton Woods. Two staff have received Forest School training and developed this approach with funding and collaboration from Education Scotland.

Representatives from our Pupil Groups visited Abernethy Primary School to share progress of our Rights Respecting School journey to Gold and to support Abernethy with their progress in achieving Silver.

Children from P5-7 attended the switching on of the Christmas lights in Aviemore, singing carols to celebrate the occasion. Children in P6 have been invited by a community group to design a Christmas light for next year. The winning design will be produced and feature in the village Christmas light display.

Children in P1-4 worked with Lorraine Hemmings from Borealis Arts to produce ‘The Snow Queen’ which was performed to two full audiences in December. Children in the nursery performed ‘Christmas Eve.’

In term 2 the class topic was ‘Enterprise’ which included some classes selling crafts at the Christmas Fayre and others opening a café to serve refreshments at our open event. This term our school topic is ‘Scotland.’

Swim the water, pump the water fundraiser to raise funds for a water pump in Zambia. More information to be communicated via school email newsletter.

* **Events this term**

20th Jan – P6 Transition Day

21st Jan – Huskies

7th Feb - Interim Reports in February

13th Feb - NSPCC to talk to all classes and workshops for P6/7 pupils in Feb

14th Feb Safer Internet Day

5th March – World Book Day

13th March – Sport Relief – Ptarmigan

16th March – Open event/Parent Carer Info Session

12th/19th March – Scottish Opera

20th – Lots of Socks- Downs Syndrome Awareness Day

Swimathon

* **Requests for funding**

Skiing – Witherby Publishing Group Trust

**Treasurers Report**

Parent Council in the process of switching banks and have no easy access to bank statement. Current approximate balance is £2979 taking into account all recent fundraising.

Emma confirmed more whiteboards will need to be replaced but not at this point in time.

**Christmas Fayre update (Cookbook/Christmas fayre/raffle/auction)**

Approximately 108 cookbooks have been sold to date. This includes sales from the school as well as from Mountain Café. Christmas fayre went well. Feedback is it was too short for the sellers, also could have been more ‘christmassy’. Fundraising was successful. Online auction raised £595.60 after auction fees.

**ASN Cuts**

Victoria Myles and Mary Macdonald attended meeting where some councillors were deeply concerned about the ASN cuts. It is felt that parents need to be informed about the cuts. We need to communicate parents’ concerns to Councillors ahead of the budget meeting. Victoria’s suggestion is to write a example letter and circulate via facebook. We also discussed informing parents in more detail about the role of ASNs and PSAs.

**Party Box Update**

Party box will be divided into three boxes containing 12 cups, 12 bowls and 12 plates in each. Price reduced to £5 per box to encourage more uptake. Deposit still remains at £10 (regardless of number of boxes). Claire to buy boxes.

**Crisp packet recycling update**

Terracycle have confirmed they have sufficient collection point locations in the area. It was discussed that we could create our own box to collect crisp packets and people take turns to take them to the collection point at Dalraddy.

**Valentines Disco on Friday 7 February**

Crisps left over from Nursery to be used for disco. Buy remaining packets from Tesco/Home Bargains. Suggestion to take entrance money in the corridor instead of front entrance. Request volunteers/helpers on facebook. Buy brush and dust pan.

**School uniform exchange**

Uniforms can be dropped off at School office and swapped for other items or donation can be given. Feedback is this is going well. Reminder will be sent in school’s weekly email.

**Future fundraising events**

A quiz night or similar was discussed for parents.

**AOCB**

Book hall for Summer Fun Night on 19 June. Ask for donations from local businesses by Easter.

**Next meeting 3 March, 6-7pm, School staffroom. All Welcome.**