

**Aviemore Primary Parent Council**  
**Public meeting and AGM**

**3:30 to 4:45pm - Aviemore Primary**

**Quick Summary!**

- The existing committee was voted back in. We will be looking for new members to keep the good work going
- It would be great to have more parents in the meetings. Not just to help, but also to learn more about the school and help spread information on what is happening
- We are in a decent financial position, but we need to keep fundraising so we can continue to support the school
- The xmas fair is the next big one. Most will be organised by the school, but the PC has some key things to help with
- Chenelle had some good information on the progress of the school improvement plan (you'll have to read more below to get that though!)

**Attending:**

**Committee:** Andy Norrie, Fiona Green, Kenny Rogan. Apologies from Laura Ross

**School:** Chenelle McMaster, Jess Creber, Sulekha Millar

**4 other parents attending**

**Minutes:**

- Chenelle presented the head teachers report. See the end of the document for this
- Committee positions

The committee consists of four members. Ideally we would have a backup for each role, to ensure the work is simple, and we can maintain members as parents leave.

Andy will be leaving after the summer, as his child will be in high school.

- Individual requests are considered most effective in finding new members
- Engaging with P1 parents during information days or coffee mornings was proposed
- Financial report

Fiona presented the report. Details of this are at the end of the document.

In summary, we have slightly more income than expenses and some funds are held separate from Mr Gibbs memorial fund.

A large outgoing is on transport for class trips. We discussed options such as public

buses, the new ember bus and community minibus as ways to reduce the costs.

- Swimming

A Tesco grant was secured for the summer, and another funding bid has been submitted

Fiona submitted a second grant, with the aim to provide longer term access. We should learn if this was successful soon.

- Halloween disco

The Halloween Disco was well-run, with positive feedback on decorations and atmosphere. Thanks to Sonia and the team for all the work!

There are some requests from the school on minor changes in future events (such as tracking the attendees in case of a fire alarm). These have been documented in the PC files to help simplify future events.

- Xmas Fair

The Christmas Fair is scheduled for December 19th morning, from 10 AM to 12 PM. Each class will run a stall

Fiona McGee has offered to run the tea/coffee/cake stall, baking will be needed!

Lyssa will run a face painting stall

Money raised by the individual classes tables will be used for purposes they agree with their teacher.

A smartphone-free childhood stall will also be present.

- Xmas show

A request had been raised to the PC, for an evening performance of the show.

Chenelle said this was unfortunately not feasible due to staffing constraints. PSAs are essential for performances, and funding is not available to pay them (and the teachers) for additional evening hours. Staff working time agreements are also set a year in advance, making last-minute changes difficult.

- McDonalds Panto

Fiona McGee has noted discounted tickets for £2 are available for the McDonald's Panto. She has multiple parents willing to help take kids

Chenelle recommended a friday, so the kids would not be taken out of lessons.

There was general agreement that this would be a good thing to do.

- School clothes

The second-hand uniform collection is currently disorganized. The aim is to organize the uniform collection better

Ideas include getting more hanging rails and boxes for age-sorted items.

Jane offered to run a xmas fair table to try to pass on some of the clothing.

- Next meeting

The date is to be agreed later, but will be early in the new year, so we can start in plenty of time for the summer fair.

## **Headteacher Update**

### **Term 2 has been a very busy term so far....**

- Many of the children have started up their own clubs again this term to enable children with similar interests to come together. They have made a plan, come up with a proposal and found a willing adult to support them. Some examples are: running club, football club, jigsaw club and craft club.
- Emily Alsford from Cairngorm National Park Ranger, came into school to work with some of the classes on our garden project last week. Emily will be coming back to work with the classes she missed due to the snow.
- The Eco-committee have been busy as they joined Tom Rawson on the 'Source to sea' litter pick on the River Spey on 14 th Nov.
- P6/7 and P7 classes visited the Newton rooms at the Highland wildlife Park. They learnt about the lifecycle of an Atlantic salmon and the similarities/differences between salmon and humans.
- The P1 and p2/3 classes had a fantastic trip to the Highland Wildlife Park. They explored the new education room , had a talk from the ranger and explored the park. These trips were fully funded by the Wildlife park.
- Nov 6 th celebrated Outdoor classroom day-some classes using natural materials to learn measure, others were learning to keep themselves safe with sparklers whilst practicing letters and shapes!
- P7 class's took part in the first Bikeability training on the 5 th Nov and will be participating in Level 2 training next term.
- Eagles House ran the Children in need fundraiser and raised £160. Bring Sally up competition and the photo challenge competition was thoroughly enjoyed by many.
- Scottish Trust Book P1-3 bag gifting event on Friday 21 st . Big thanks to Lyssa for entertaining us by reading the Book bag stories!

- We had our Open event yesterday in nursery, Upper and lower wings. It was wonderful to see so many parents/ carers sharing their child's learning.

#### Upcoming events:

- Turning on of the Christmas lights on Aviemore on Sunday at 4pm. Come and support our choir at the square.  
School Christmas concert, Born this Night, will be the 9 th , 10 th , 11 th December.  
Only about 18 tickets left.

### **School Improvement Plan**

#### Our areas for improvement:

#### **Raising attainment in writing through the National Writing Improvement Framework**

All P2 -7 teachers had a training day on the National Writing Improvement programme and have now attended a further 2 Twilight training sessions on. Teaching aims, measurement, run charts and the change bundle.

The programme is not only motivating for children but the benefit of clear, consistent feedback is having a positive impact on their tools for writing skills. As part of our Quality assurance process, we will be doing Literacy **Jotter monitoring next week to check consistent approaches to assessment and peer/ teacher feedback across the classes.**

#### **Consistency in Learning and Teaching**

As mentioned last time, staff have agreed on consistent approaches to Numeracy. We have agreed on specific aspects that are needed in each lesson such as learning intentions and success criteria, mental maths retrieval, use of concrete materials, plenaries etc.. As part of our Quality assurance process, we have had lesson observations of all staff teaching Numeracy and provided next steps for staff to work on. We are in the process of doing follow up informal drop ins to review and follow up on the next steps that were given.

#### **Robust data**

As you are aware, the inspection brought to light that our attainment data was not robust. Before the summer, we spent time supporting staff with the accuracy of their teacher judgements of children's progress and attainment by looking more closely at the benchmarks, trackers and using the results from the NSA and SOFA assessments. We have also delivered more writing moderation sessions.

All of the above have helped to create more accurate data that shows what our children are capable of. This is seen by the 2025 ACEL (Achievement of a level for P1, 4, 7) data that has been recently published.

In 2024, our Literacy ACEL data for P1, 4, 7 was 55%

In 2025, our Literacy ACEL data for P1, 4, 7 is 66%. (11% increase)

We expect to see a further improvement in the 2026 figures through the NWIP.

In 2024, our Numeracy ACEL data for P1, 4, 7 was 55%  
In 2025, Numeracy ACEL data for P1, 4, 7 is 59% (4% increase)

Again we expect to see an increase in the 2026 figures due to the work we have put into Numeracy.

In order to raise attainment, we have also been working on creating CALM corners in all of the classroom. This provides a safe space within the classroom for children who need a bit of time out before continuing with their learning. Before these spaces, children used to spend time out of the classroom and miss larger chunks of learning. Children have had lessons on how to use the CALM corner and the strategies/ approaches to help them to regulate emotions. When needed, a child can ask for a CALM pass and use a 5 minute timer in the first instance.

This will help staff to better support children's needs through the provision of predictable and consistent approaches/ strategies which are available in each class as they move through the school. The use of the CALM corners will be reviewed by the Pupil Council next term during their learning visits and also by staff next term.

### **Developing the curriculum in the ASN provision**

Mrs Sharp and the ASN team have been developing Learner Pathways, WOW Moments, Play Observations, Evidencing and Profiling. Following inspection the ASN team have a different set of priorities that they are working on.

### **Nursery-Developing high quality experiences and outcomes for our Children.**

ELC- Staff have attended training on how to further develop their observations that evidence progression and from which next steps can be identified. Staff are becoming more familiar with the Highland numeracy progression to ensure breadth/ Challenge

Staff have also had Training on use of skilled questioning from SALT team to support high quality interactions

Within the last 2 weeks, ELC has had an unannounced Care Inspectorate visit. A team of 3 inspectors spent 2 days with us in the Nursery. The report is not yet out, but the feedback has been much more positive than the last visit in May 24. This shows that improvements have been made. Well done Nursery team!

### **'You said, we did' actions**

- Communication parents requested that information is shared on both facebook and google classrooms. Thank you to Jess for doing this.
- P7 Residential after consultation with parents and the headteachers from the ASG primary schools, we have decided that moving forward, we will be doing a transition

residential with the rest of the ASG schools in June every year. This will be at Altnacriche Outdoor Centre.

## Financial Report

<b><u>Expenditure to date</u></b>	
Ski Races	£96.00
Waterstones	£111.10
Amazon purchases for school	£264.17
Bank Service Charges	£83.20
P7 Leavers Hoodies	£215.00
Swim Lessons	£720.00
Planetarium	£798.00
Gazebo	£200.00
P6 School Trip	£100.00
School Trip Busses	£700.00
Sports Day medals	£59.93
Highland Council Charge	£20.00
Summer Fun Night Expenses	£180.67
Mieles Ice Cream for House Treat	£140.80
Mr Gibb's Bench	£753.00
Shinty Goals	£401.54
Netball dresses	£603.00
Panto for Choir	£195.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£5,641.41</b>
<b>Closing Balance at 25-Nov-2025</b>	<b>£9,098.68</b>

	Opening Balance at 01-Oct-2024	£	5,919.96
<b>Income to date</b>			
School Lottery Income from ticket sales			£908.87
Inverness City			£107.50
Quiz Night			£56.51
McGowans donation for Gazebo			£250.00
Mr Gibb's Memorial Match			£3,276.50
Party Box Hire			
Parentkind Asda Cashpot			£61.70
Highland Council			£193.31
Highland Council			£150.74
Sum Up: Summer Fun Night/Sports Day			£1,165.00
Summer Fun Night Cash Paid In			£2,178.00
Sports Day Cake Stall Cash			£372.00
Miele's Donation			£50.00
KJ's Bothy Bakery Donation			£50.00
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£8,820.13</b>

<b>Credit Summary</b>	
Lottery	£908.87
Donations	£350.00
Summer Fun Night/Sports Day Profit	£3,575.00

<b>What we have funded:</b>	
Ski Races	£96.00
Books for school	£111.10
Other school supplies	£264.17
Leaver Hoodies	£215.00
Swin Lessons	£300.00
Planetarium	£798.00
School Trip Transport	£800.00
Shinty Goals	£401.54
Netball Dresses	£603.00
Panto for choir	£195.00