

A Year of Parental Involvement at Burnside Primary School, Carnoustie

Newsletters

All Newsletters and Parent Council minutes are available on the school website.

Homelink Books

Homelink Books run throughout the year. These provide an excellent means of communication between parent and class teacher and can stop a concern becoming a problem plus giving positive feedback. The books set a positive tone between home and school.

Health Group

The Health Group helps to plan a Health Day each term.

Term 1

- Letters are sent out to request parent volunteers plus a list of activities requiring help e.g. Maths games, Maths bags, Walkwise and Let's Think.
- A Parent Council fund raising event is held with the children actively involved.
- Meet the Teacher. This event is promoted by the Parent Council and the PC make a display all school activities. Parents have the opportunity to meet the class teacher, to see the classroom and receive information. This year the PC invited community groups to display their activities and Fairtrade goods were highlighted through raffle prizes. The money raised was donated to the Eco School committee. The PC took the opportunity to carry out a survey, asking parents what they knew about the PC and what they would want to know.

Term 2

- New parent volunteers are trained and start working in school.
- Parent Interview Evenings are held and coincide with a Book Fair.

- Christmas Shopping Night. To highlight and encourage the use of the retail community in Carnoustie town centre, the Parent Council asked local businesses to participate by taking a stall. There was a fantastic response and very positive feedback was received. The parents from the Parent Council and the school staff worked as a team to organise and run the event. The event was also supported by other community groups. This very successful evening built a link between the retail community, parents and the school.
- Shoe Box Appeal is run in conjunction with the local church. As a result of the Christmas Shopping Night the school was also approached by the local Air Cadets to do boxes for Army personnel in Afganistan.
- Christmas raffle.
- Head Teacher Christmas Challenge. The Head Teacher sets each class the challenge of raising as much money as possible for the Save the Children Appeal. Each class thinks of their own activity which range from a Nativity to 'Beat the Parent'.
- Wonderful Work Wallets sent home for the children to discuss with their parents.
- Christmas Service. Parents are invited to join the children and staff at the service.

Term 3

- Curricular Evenings are held e.g. to raise awareness of Active Maths.
- Eco Group. Parents and children are involved in creating and developing the school garden and the Millennium Forest. The Parent Council is looking to involve the wider community in both the school garden and the Millennium Forest. The school recycles bottle tops and participates in the 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme.
- World Book Day. Parents invited into to school to hear their children reading novels.
- Parent volunteers running lunchtime and after school clubs.
- Easter Service. Parents are invited to join the children and staff at the service.

Term 4

- Sports Day. The Health Group helps to plan the Sports. Parents are spectators and stay for a picnic afterwards.
- Wonderful Wall Wallets are sent home again for the children to discuss with their parents.
- Parent Interview Evenings are held.
- Induction meetings for Pre-school and P1 parents.
- End of Year Service is held in school. This service says goodbye to the Primary 7 pupils and their parents are invited.

Burnside Parent Council is constantly looking for new methods to consult, involve and inform the Parent Forum.