



**Kindness
Respect
Honesty
Inclusion**

Parent Council

Parent Council Minutes – 16 May 2026

In attendance

Katie McLean, Lara Carroll, Anne Walker, Julie Craig, Cllr Celine Handibode, Cllr Gavin Keat, Cllr Helen Toner, Michael Callaghan, Louise Boyle, Stephanie Waugh, Nicola McDermott, Charlene Allen, Apologies – Cllr John Ross

- Welcome and Apologies
- Opening Prayer
- School update from Mrs McLean

School improvement planning – working on literacy, numeracy, and curriculum.

Literacy – centred around Talk for Writing. Going well. Raised attainment at 3 target stages – P5, P6, and P7. Mrs Carrol has been leading on that. Entering into year 2 and looking to embedding this in the whole school. Have worked with learner groups across the school and children have been talking about their love of writing. Some pupil equity funding being directed to that.

Numeracy – Concrete Pictorial Abstract approach being applied. Working with another school and attending training courses. Building on that with a full school approach. Using PEF to purchase materials

Curriculum – working on equalities and diversity. Multi-Cultural Day organised. coming up next week. Brought texts into the school centring on equalities and diversity. PEF directed to this

New curriculum coming – whole curriculum being transformed. First technical framework landing in June 2026. Expecting support from local authority. Hoping to begin to implement the changes in January 2027.

PEF

Will have a PEF teacher next year. This year, the PEF teacher has helped with numeracy and literacy interventions. Collating data to look at what the impact has been. Hoping to continue with this next year specifically focusing on literacy.

Funding for PEF teacher ends in in March 2027. Hoping new funding will be available.

Recruiting for Deputy HT for health and wellbeing – with a focus on attendance, health, outdoor learning, digital, and STEM. Will be an internal recruitment exercise

Participatory Budget

1. Outdoor development has come up overwhelmingly among pupils and parents. Staff would like more opportunities for outdoor learning
 2. Looking to create a confined space for the p1-3 in the playground. Looking at planters where children could plant plants including fruit and vegetables.
 3. Been asked for STEM resources by children and staff. Looking to introduce these in the upstairs area outside the P6 Classroom. Looking to timetable this.
 4. Numeracy resources
 5. Class trips
 6. Gym equipment – the children have asked for more equipment
 7. Art resources
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8. Indie Bots - Leaders of Learning went to Braidwood Primary School and came back enthused about Indie Bots Coding devices and have secured money to purchase four of these

New primary 1 intake - coming to visit the school and other visits to follow over the coming weeks

- Update from representatives

New Director of Education is overhaling education resources. A new Council Leader will be elected next week. Council have approved a budget which protected the core budget for Education. Free swimming lessons have been approved.

- PTFA

Planning the summer fayre for 4 June 2026. A great response from stall-holders - 16 stalls have been confirmed. Hoping for contributions for the Tombola on Non-Uniform Day 1 June 2026. May ask for donations of gazebos if the weather will be nice enough to have stalls outside

P7 leaving celebrations - Looking to purchase high school ties. Looking to organise a piper. P7 BBQ has been organised.

PTFA Bank Balance - £2244 in the bank account

Organising P7 hoodies for next year.

Hoping to organise a Panto within the school again at Christmas time.