

Blackhall Primary School Parent Council AGM



Agenda

1. Annual report from the Chair
2. Annual report from the Headteacher
3. Approval of the accounts
4. Election of members to serve on the Parent Council
5. Any other competent business

Parent Council Chair's Report

- Moving on from the pandemic...
- Embedding the parent/carers “ways of working”
- Head Teacher – permanent appointment
- Pupil Council
- New school finance committee
- Subsidy towards the pantomime
- ASN resources on website
- Strikes...
- Amazing GIF filled HT reports!
- Report Cards!

Parking >> sports field >>
access to the community
noticeboard >> using public
transport for school activities
>> challenges of using shared
devices for more than one
child >> free school meals –
and impact of parents not
registering on PEF >>
squirrels raiding the bins and
causing litter >> ParentPay
lunch booking issues >>

Head Teacher's Report

A School Year at Blackhall

August 2022 – June 2023

- A full school year of “normal”!!
- What did that look like?



Term 1

Staffing:

Acting Head Teacher – Kirsty Martin

Depute Head Teacher – Gail Middlemiss

Principal Teacher – Andrew Gardner

Bumps in the road in P3, P7 and both P6s.



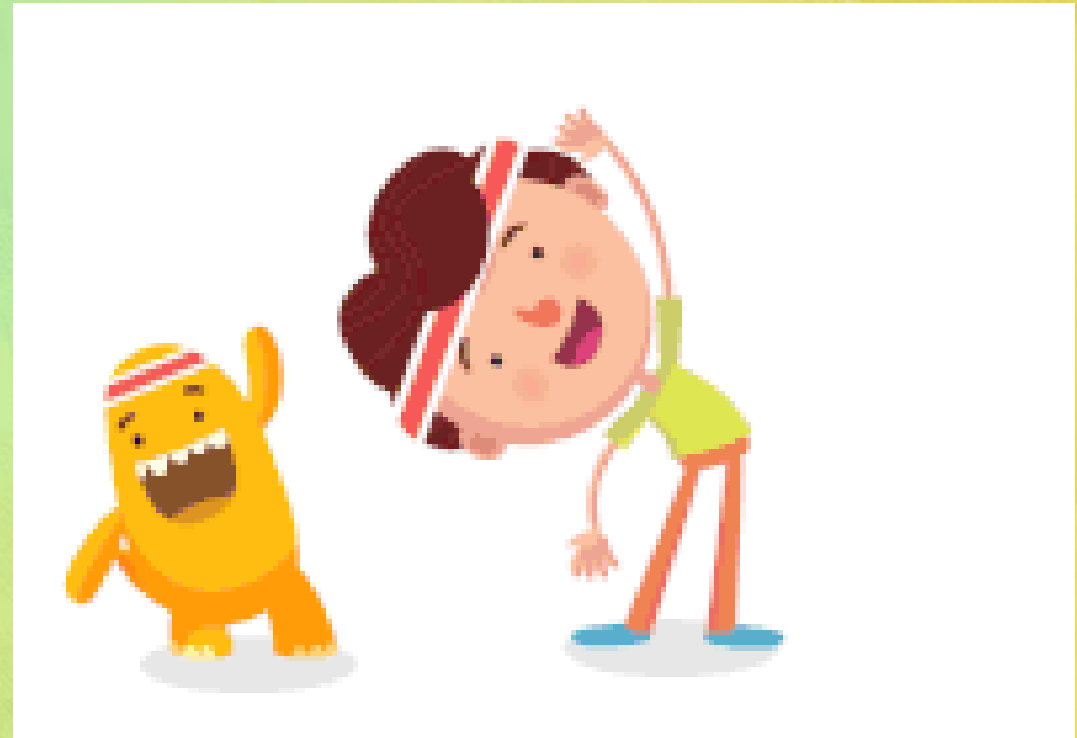
Term 1

- Looking at Formative Assessment
- Introducing Spanish in P6 and P7
- Considering HWB for staff and pupils
- Wildlife Rangers Sessions
- Community Gardening Day 1



Term 1

- Judo Taster Sessions
- Gaelic Football
- Bikeability for P6
- Nurture Room up and running



Term 1



DREAM About Travel!



Drama, Singing, Ukulele, Dancing, Art – Fun!

Term 2 – October – December

- Parent Consultations 1 in Big Hall
- P4s to Stirling Castle
- Parents and Carers in to share learning
- Choir to Toby Carvery!



Term 2 – October – December

- Parents and Carers invited in for Winter Wonderland
- Wildlife Rangers
- Moderating the teaching of Reading
- P5 Enterprise
- P1 Nativity



Term 2 – October – December

Whole School to Pantomime!



Term 3: January – April 2023

- Reading Working Party to look at resources through equalities lens
- Learning Cluster Maths group
- NYCOS to P3
- Finance Committee starts – with HT, BM, Parent/Carer, Admin
- Attendance Tracking and Monitoring



Term 3: January – April 2023

- P7 CAMP!!!
- Substantive HT Appointed in February
- Blackhall PS is awarded Silver Status in Rights Respecting Schools.
- Attainment Meetings with SLT and Teaching staff
- Risk Factory for P7s
- ASN Coffee Mornings
- Parents Consultations 2
- P7s begin transition process to RHS
- Shared Classroom Experience 2



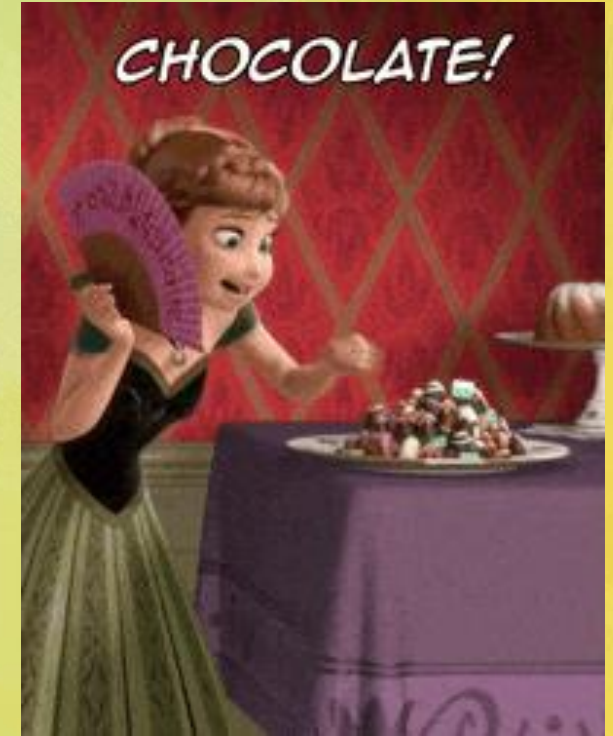
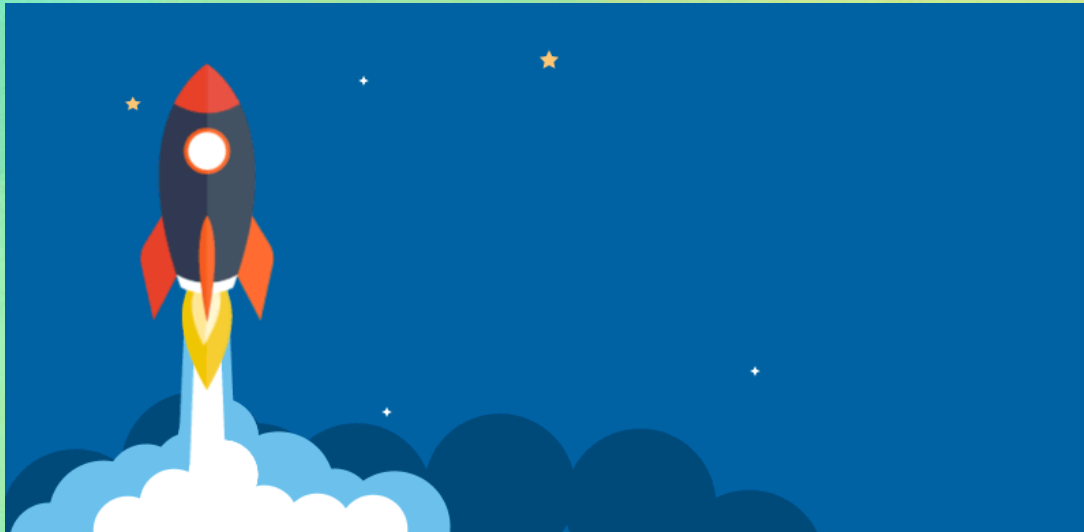
Term 3 – January to April

- P6 to Sky Up Academy
- Farm comes to Blackhall!
- P5 Swimming
- Mixing Classes
- Attainment Meetings with SLT and Teaching Staff
- Spring Assembly in St Columba's Church



Term 4 – April to June

- Scottish Opera with P6
- Community Gardening Day!
- Outdoor Learning
- P5 to Chocolatarium
- P6 to Bowling at Blackhall Bowling Club
- New Report Card Format launched!



Term 4 – April to June

- SPORTS DAY!
- P7 Show – Star Wars: The Umpire Strikes Back!!
- Royal Highland Show for P3-P5
- STEaM Event for Parents



Term 4 – April to June

- End of Term Assembly (Outdoors)
- Meet the Teacher
- P7 Fun Day to Aberdour
- End of term 28th June at 1pm!



Accounts for year ended 31 March 2023

	2022 £	2022 £
Income		
Grant from City of Edinburgh Council	684	684
Interest	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Income	695	685
Expenditure		
Expense Reimbursement to School	1,000	0
Clerk Allocation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditure	1,000	0
(Deficit) / Surplus	<u><u>(305)</u></u>	<u><u>685</u></u>
Represented by:		
Bank balance b/f	2,544	1,859
(Deficit) / Surplus	<u>(305)</u>	<u>685</u>
Bank balance c/f	<u><u>2,239</u></u>	<u><u>2,544</u></u>

Parent Council Nominees for 2023-2024

	2023/24 Nominee
P1	<i>Co-opt from new P1 parents</i>
P2	Julia Pearson
P3	<i>Vacancy</i>
P4	Emily Orr
P5	Sine Munro
P6	Caroline Irvine
P7	Linda Rennie
ASN	Tashya Abhayaratna
PSA Rep	<i>To be confirmed by 2023/24 PSA</i>
Treasurer	Colin Chisholm
Vice Chair	Ian Cameron
Secretary	Kate Walker
Chair	Jane Browning

Thank you ...

- Julia Pearson
 - Kate Walker
 - Emily Orr
 - Sine Munro
 - Nyssa Pinkerton
 - Linda Rennie
 - Ian Cameron
 - Jill McIntyre
 - Colin Chisholm
 - Ian Cameron
 - Jane Browning
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- To our local councillors:
Hal, Max, Jule & Vicky
 - To the school SLT:
Kirsty, Gail & Andrew



NSPCC Presentation – Keeping children safe online



Hints, tips and online resources from Euan Graham following on from the Online Safety session at the Joint Parent Council and PSA AGM on 14th June 2023.

Thanks so much for having me along yesterday, it was great to see such a strong turnout and engagement from the group. As I mentioned, here's some links to things I mentioned in the session. I've also included some extra pointers for specific questions at the end.

- [NSPCC Online Safety hub \(and link to newsletter\)](#) – our main site for info for parents, carers and professionals, includes link to the newsletter.
- [NSPCC Helpline](#) - advice and support for adults looking after children or anyone concerned about the safety of a child
- [Common Sense Media](#) – advice by parents and children about all media, apps, games etc.
- [ChildLine](#) – support for children and young people, 24/7 phone, text and webchat services
- [Report Remove](#) – tool created by Childline & IWF to remove nude images of children from internet

There were some specific questions about filtering YouTube specifically. I've looked into this more this morning and have found some useful starting points – what works best will be different for every household but hopefully this will be of use.

1. A good first step would be contacting your Wi-Fi/phone plan provider to see what's already available to you. Depending on who you're with this could be on their website/your account page or perhaps a phone call with customer service would be preferable.
2. In terms of specific apps and tools for parental controls or filters, there are too many out there for me to make any suggestions. However, as I mentioned [this guide to parental controls](#) on Common Sense Media is quite helpful – there is a specific section on content filtering too.
3. Finally, YouTube has specific settings and controls available directly through their app/site. [Here's a handy overview](#) of what's available on different versions of the site. I was interested in the 'supervised account' as a handy middle ground between the stricter limits on YouTube Kids and children having full autonomy with their own account.

Thanks again,
Euan

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