



NEWSLETTER



WHAT IS THE PARENT AND CARER COUNCIL?

We are a friendly group of parents and carers who represent the views of families to the school and city council, and work to improve the education and welfare of our students. We organise events for the school community and fundraise. All money raised is invested in our students and the school. If you have any ideas to share, would like to get involved or are looking for advice or support from fellow parents, you can contact us on craiglockhartpacc@gmail.com. All Craiglockhart parents and carers are welcome to take part in the CPACC.

EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS



HALLOWEEN



This year our Halloween parties will be held at school on Friday 27th October, with the P1-2 party from 2.15 pm, P3-4 from 4 pm and P5-7 from 6 pm. Details on how to book and volunteer coming soon.

We need lots of helpers!



CHRISTMAS MARKET

This lovely event takes place on the evening of Wednesday 29th November in Polwarth church, with stalls from local craft and gift suppliers, festive drinks and nibbles. Want to book a stall? Please contact us.



CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

The children have been busy designing their cards in class and you'll receive information on how to order soon.



PLAYGROUND UPDATE

A new 'forest school' area with a playhouse and seating will be installed in the back playground this October – at long last!

3 WAYS TO HELP

1. NEARLY NEW UNIFORMS

Our second-hand uniform shop has moved to the first floor and is open during school hours. Unsure where to go? Just ask at the school office, where you can also leave a cash donation and donate good quality unwanted uniforms. You can now also pay by QR code!

2. RAGBAG RECYCLING BINS

Having a clear out? There's a large metal bin in the back playground for recycling clothes – it raises a surprising amount of money for school! Leave clean, wearable clothes, paired shoes, belts and handbags in a tied plastic bag. Nothing soiled or wet please! If the bins are full, come back when they've been emptied – please don't leave bags on the floor.

3. EASY FUNDRAISING

You can raise money for the school just by shopping online! Shop with over 2,000 well-known stores, including Asda, Tesco and John Lewis, and each time raise a small donation to our funds – for free. Register at www.easy-fundraising.org.uk and select 'Craiglockhart PA - Edinburgh' as your cause.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24TH OCTOBER TUESDAY

What: CPACC meeting (AGM)
Time: 6-8 pm
Place: School

27TH OCTOBER FRIDAY

What: Halloween parties
Time: P1-2: 2.15-3.30 pm
P3-4: 4-5.30 pm
P5-7: 6-7.30 pm
Place: School

15TH NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY

What: CPACC meeting
Time: 8-9.30 pm
Place: Online

29TH NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY

What: Christmas market
Time: Evening
Place: Polwarth Church



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THANK YOU, SALLY AND KERSTI!



After years of hard work doing various CPACC roles, Kersti Annear, our Chair, and Sally Polson, our Events & Fundraising Manager, are retiring from their positions.

What made you decide to get involved in the CPACC?

Sally: I started by volunteering for events, when I could, which was really fun. When I realised how many essential things the CPACC fundraises for – like playground maintenance and smart boards – I took on a committee role to help them keep running.

Kersti: I decided to get involved in the CPACC because I wanted to have a better understanding of how the school operates and what issues it faces. I also enjoyed meeting other parents and staff from different backgrounds and perspectives.

What's been your highlight?

Sally: Getting to know lots of lovely people, both families and school staff, and seeing so many children having a great time at events I've helped organised, like the Halloween parties and Summer Fair.

Kersti: In a relatively short space of time we've had a lot of big moments. From playground planning, to coping with the pandemic and from fighting for road safety improvements to being on the selection panel for hiring our new Head Teacher. That was both a daunting and a fascinating process and it has been great to see Mrs Brown take her place over the last year.

OPPORTUNITY

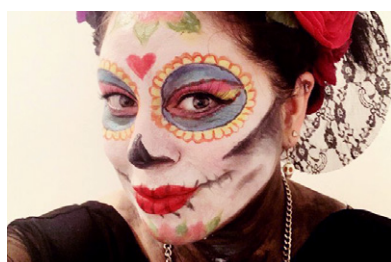
To keep running, the CPACC urgently needs more help with ongoing admin.

You don't need to give lots of time – the more helpers we have, the less work for everyone involved. Please email craiglockhartpacc@gmail.com if you could help.

FANTASTIC FACE PAINTING

For many years we've been lucky to have the super-talented Chrid Johnston creating amazing designs for our kids at Halloween parties and the Summer Fair.

Chrid will be leaving school this summer, so we're looking for new people to have a go at facepainting while she's still around to share her skills. You don't need experience, just enthusiasm! Could you have a go at the Halloween parties or the Summer Fair?



FOOD DRIVE IN NOVEMBER

We're hoping to have a repeat success of last term's amazing food drive and given the cold weather, we're hoping to do a double whammy with warm clothing. Look out for updates!

ROAD SAFETY

Please keep everyone safe by avoiding parking on the zig zag and yellow lines. The issues around Ashley Terrace crossing beside school now have an agreed plan of action and we are 8th on the list for our crossing to be installed, so we're very hopeful that we will see some real progress by the end of the year.

ACTIVE SCHOOLS AND CLUBS

Parents involved in the CPACC have been helping to set up extra-curricular clubs for our children, and there's space to run more. If you could lead a club that gets kids doing a sport, music, or even chess, please get in touch. We're not looking for a long-term commitment – 6–8 weeks would be brilliant. We can support with the cost of equipment if needed.

COULD YOU LEND A HAND?

There are lots of ways you can help keep the CPACC running, big or small. Right now we're particularly looking for:

- Someone to join our experienced Halloween party organising team, for the P3-4 party. We'll also be recruiting volunteers for the party itself soon.
- Help sorting nearly new uniforms – any time during school hours.
- Both a Secretary and an Events Co-ordinator to provide admin support. Both roles can be shared between more than one person. If you could lend a hand with checking emails, arranging meeting and event dates, sending out agendas or taking minutes, please get in touch.
- Facepainters (no experience required!)
- We are also looking for a wee group of families who would be willing to weatherproof wood work, do some planting or weeding.

If you can help, please let us know.

FUNDS RAISED AND SPENT

Last school year we raised:

- Ragbag recycling bin: £450
- Halloween parties: £400
- Christmas cards: £1,400
- Summer Fair: **£7,000!**

Last school year we spent:

- Playground repairs to planters, seating and the boat: £4,550
- New Smartboards: £5,000
- House points token collector: £390
- P7 yearbook: £550

WE HAVE A NEW NAME AND A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS.

CPACC stands for *Craiglockhart Parent and Carer Council* and we would love to hear from you.



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