

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.

NEW TRIM TRAIL IN 2024



Our trim trail is no longer fit for purpose and is in need of replacing. We asked the kids what they'd like to have to replace it and they've looked at what other schools have, and have come up with a plan of what they'd like and we LOVE it. The new trim trail is structured differently to the existing one and comes with a lengthy guarantee too, but it is costly at £23,000 including all the safety features that

need to be in place. We do have most of the funds to cover this but we really need to raise some more to help finance this. The work is booked in to the diary for April, so we won't be waiting years to see this happen which is brilliant! So, we will be having a wee fundraising meeting on Thursday 11th January at 8:30pm on teams. If you fancy joining us, send a wee email and we'll send you the link.

BIG HUT IS BIG HIT!



The forest school/big hut/den – whatever name your child is calling it... it's up and it's been a huge hit with the children and for us adults, after years of playground fundraising it was great to see some progress! It also has a great wee outdoor seating area which I'm sure we'll make plenty use of once the rainy days stop! We also had our first community clean up which involved some painting, planting and general maintenance. Thank you so much to those who organised this and to everyone who came along to help out. Special shout out to Mrs Latimer who came along on her day off to lend a hand!

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024

6TH FEBRUARY TUESDAY

What: CPACC meeting
Time: 7 pm
Place: School
All welcome!

MARCH

What: Wine tasting event
Time: TBC
Place: TBC

APRIL

What: A new trim trail
The kids have chosen what they want and it's booked in for work to start in April.

8TH JUNE SATURDAY

What: Summer Fair
Time: TBC
Place: School

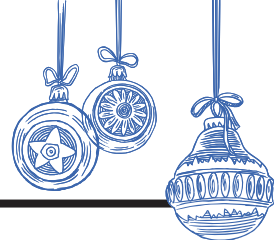


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FESTIVE FREEBIES

Our first ever Christmas jumper and party clothes freebie went really well. The donations were great and there were a few smiling faces

happy with their new to them attire! Should we do another one for Halloween or for book week maybe? Let us know what you think.



WICKED WITCHES & A MERRY MARKET: OUR LAST TWO EVENTS OF THE YEAR



HALLOWEEN PARTY

This was a huge success! Some great music, fabulous costumes and lots of fun all round. Even those helping out seemed to be having a blast!



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Massive thanks to the team that pulled this together. It was lovely to have this back for 2023 and that was really felt on the night, with a fantastic community presence. In fact, we had so much fun, that we've already booked next years (29th November 2024). We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY



Once again the Craiglockhart community went above and beyond providing huge amounts of food and toiletries for Edinburgh Foodbank!

We also did our first warm clothing drive and again there was an overwhelming response! St Brides took a lot of it to supply a warm coat for all ages of the local community who attend their warm spaces program. We also donated teen appropriate and adult jackets to Tynecastle

High School, for them to coordinate distributing them to young people who might need them. Massive thanks to everyone who donated and particularly the children in the sustainability and rights respecting groups, who did a fantastic job moving everything around and loading cars.

WHAT WE HAVE RAISED:

HALLOWEEN PARTY	£418
CHRISTMAS CARDS	TBC
CHRISTMAS MARKET	£1,013.63

TOTAL: £1,431.63

KEEP IN TOUCH

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

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ROAD SAFETY

We are aware that road safety in the area is really a huge issue. We are working with the local elected councillors as well as council departments to keep on top of this. Unfortunately the crossing at Ashley Terrace will not be going ahead in this financial year, as planned. This is due to needing a traffic regulation amendment. With this in mind and with crossing issues at Colinton Road and Harrison Road as well as issues around safely dropping off, Mark Symonds (School Travel Coordinator) will attend our next meeting on 6th February at 7pm to look at solutions around the school travel plan.

MUSIC

We were approached by Mrs Simms, to pay for some instruments to open up opportunities to play woodwind instruments in school. We are excited to report that the first of those instruments have arrived and we have spent £500 on that.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This hasn't made as much this year as it has previously but some of the art on those cards was just amazing! We are lucky to have such a talented group of kids here with great imagination. It'd be good to get some feedback on the cards. Should we do it again next year? Did your kids enjoy doing it?

NURTURE SPACE

We are delighted to see progress with the nurture space in school. There's been a lot of effort from Mrs Perez and the school staff to get it ready and we have agreed with Mrs Brown that we will happily fund half of the total cost of this project. Amounts will be confirmed in our next update and hopefully with some photos of the space too.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

There are lots of ways you can help keep the CPACC running.

We need people to help plan events, help at events, update our new website, join the road safety team, apply for grants occasionally, help set up clubs to provide more opportunities....

Do you have a specific skill set that you could share at a club, let us know! CPACC is a team, you do what you can and you shout out when you can't. You don't have to come to every meeting, although anyone is welcome to attend. We want a parent and carer council that's open to all but is mindful that people are working on top of parenting duties. We are also interested in exploring new ideas for events or fundraisers that incorporate our fabulous multi cultural community, so if any of this appeals to you, send us an email. We'd love to hear from you.

Have a fabulous winter break and see you all in 2024!

