



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.

LIBRARY LAUNCH ON WORLD BOOK DAY



Not only did we get to meet a motley crew of lively characters, this year World Book Day also marked the launch of our library! This was a job taken on by a couple of parents who were passionate about reading and now our library is looking great, it's stocked with the best books

and has a new system to allow the children to borrow books. We also have a wee team of parent librarians who will be in school to help with all things library too. These parents have been PVG checked and are excited to get started. A huge thanks to them for volunteering their time.

FESTIVE FUNDRAISER FOR THE STAFF ROOM

You'll recall before Christmas break, we invited parents to donate to a staff room fundraiser instead of a Christmas gift for the teachers. We are delighted to say that we raised an incredible £1,253! Thank you to everyone who donated. At

the suggestion of the school, we now have a wee spending crew consisting of parents and staff to look at how best this should be spent. They will no doubt give us regular updates and we look forward to seeing the finished result.

SPRING IN YOUR STEP?



24th March is our sponsored walk, we will be setting off from Spylaw Park at around 1:30pm and you're welcome to scoot or cycle if you prefer. From there, we're heading to Harrison Park West, where we'll have a wee party in the park to celebrate everyone's efforts. There'll be face painting, a teddy bear hunt, soft drinks and a bake sale – anyone who fancies themselves a Paul Hollywood or Mary Berry are very welcome to donate their offerings! No ingredients with nuts though please. There will be a small charge for some things, but card machines will be available. We're also hoping for some live music too, so as well as closing the gap on our trim trail funds, it should also be a great wee afternoon out. If you can't join us for the walk please come along to party in the park!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20TH MARCH
WEDNESDAY

What: CPaCC meeting
Place: Teams
Time: 8pm

24TH MARCH
SUNDAY

What: Sponsored Spring Stroll
Place: Set off from Spylaw Park
Time: 1:30pm

28TH MARCH
THURSDAY

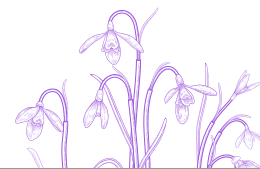
What: Last day of term!

8TH JUNE
SATURDAY

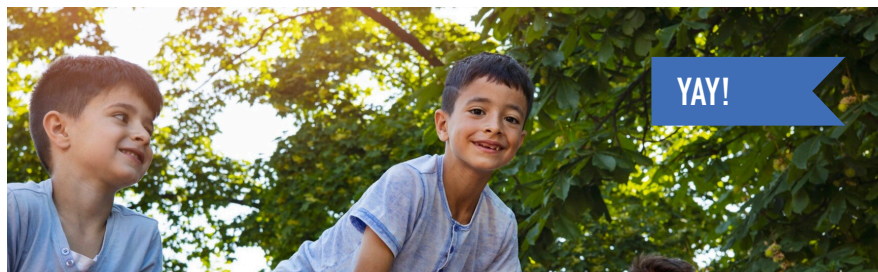
What: Summer Fair
Place: School
Time: TBC



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BREAKING NEWS: TRIM TRAIL WORK HAS BEGUN



We're super excited to see the new trim trail but also had a bit of a shock when the council moved our date forward to the 9th of March! This is before the sponsored walk and unfortunately, it's also the end of the financial year which means we have the bill a little earlier than planned too. So, although the trim trail will be in before the walk, we still need to raise the last chunk of money to ensure we

can commit to other things as planned, like the nurture space, library etc. At the time of putting this newsletter together, thanks to the generosity of our school community, we had raised £1,130 which is just brilliant. Thank you so much to everyone who donated and we hope you'll come join us for our Sponsored Spring Stroll! Let's hope for a dry day!



INCLUSION IN OUR COMMUNITY

As a parent council, inclusion is important to us which is why we have appointed an ASN (additional support needs) representative and look at how we can ensure events are inclusive, for instance having quiet zones at Summer Fair. However, we would really like to look at how we can include families where English is an additional language. We'd really like to hear your ideas especially if you have lived experience. We're conscious that every parent/carers at Craiglockhart is a member of CPaCC - it's your decision around how often or even if you can help - but we don't want people feeling they can't help or ask questions because language is a barrier.



SUMMER FAIR

Surely it's not that time already? Not quite it's on Saturday 8th June, but there's a lot of work that goes into the summer fair planning. From getting donations to taking on a stall or helping with the risk assessment, there are so many ways to get involved. If you'd like to find out how you could help at this year's summer fair, then why not join us at our first planning meeting on Wednesday 13th March. It's on zoom at 8pm.
Meeting ID: 818 2126 3506
Passcode: 434 325
Look forward to seeing you there.



ROAD SAFETY/ SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

Unfortunately we face more waiting for our crossing on Ashley Terrace. However, we had our first discussions about our school travel plan at the last CPaCC meeting. You'll know the issues we face around road safety and the permit parking in the area hasn't helped! Plus we lost our lovely Crossing Guard as she moved to a full time post. We had some great discussions about what we can do to improve things now, as a lot of the longer term solutions are delayed by the process to get them. Our Jnr Road Safety Officers will be working with a small team of parents, school staff and council officials to improve road safety measures. In terms of safe stopping to drop off or pick up, walking buses were suggested. These work well in other schools and CPaCC are happy to support anyone wanting to establish these. Unfortunately, we can't run them, but if parents are willing to set them up, we can help with communication, maybe some high vis vest - let us know what you need.

WEBSITE

We used to use the school website to share information, but as it's a council run site, we were restricted in terms of what we put up. We want to develop a site that meets the needs of our local families and shares information about things in the wider community that are available for both children and adults. There's a lot of content to still go on there but, it is up and running - so feel free to visit the site at www.craiglockhartpacc.co.uk and if you can help us to manage the site going forward, your assistance would be very welcome.

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.

COULD YOU LEND A HELPING HAND?

We need:

- Baking for the sponsored walk
- Help planning events and/or manning a stall
- Help to get the content on our new website and keep it updated



KEEP IN TOUCH

We would love to hear from you. Join our community on Facebook and WhatsApp or send us an email.

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-  Friends of Craiglockhart Primary School
-  Craiglockhart Primary

