



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.

TIME TO DUST OFF THE BROOMSTICKS



HALLOWEEN PARTIES

Spooky season is coming and CPaCC will be holding 3 parties on Friday 1st November.

- P1-P2 2.15pm – 3.30pm every child must be accompanied by an adult
- P3-P4 4pm – 5.30pm – Volunteers required
- P5-P7 6pm – 7.30pm – Volunteers required

Lots of volunteer opportunities so please email CPaCC if you can help in anyway.

FRIGHTFUL FREEBIES

Bring your costumes to school at 9am on Friday 25th October which don't fit anymore for other children to be able to use. Then at 12.20 come into the school to hopefully find yourself your child a new costume for free.

If you have some spare time to split the costumes into age ranges please email CPaCC.



SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



FOOD AND WARM CLOTHES DRIVE

Watch out for the information on the WhatsApp community group and emails regarding the next Food Drive for the Edinburgh Food Project and warm clothes supplied to St Brides. This will take place on Friday 4th October at 8.30 am in the playground.

If you can spare anytime to lift boxes and also to drive the food to EFP in Sighthill please email CPaCC.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4TH OCTOBER FRIDAY

What: Food and Warm Clothes Drive
Place: Playground
Time: 8.30 am

25TH OCTOBER FRIDAY

What: Halloween Costume Swap
Place: School
Time: 9 am – drop off costumes
12.20 pm – find new costumes

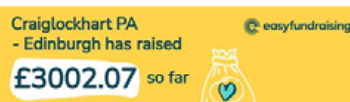
1ST NOVEMBER FRIDAY

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



EASY FUNDRAISING

Did you know 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.easyfundraising.org.uk and select Craiglockhart PA, Edinburgh as your cause.



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NEW FACES IN THE PLAYGROUND



A WARM WELCOME to all the new pupils, parents and carers. It's been lovely to see all the new faces in the playground with lots of excitement around. We are updating our CPaCC website which will contain lots of information which may help in settling into the school.

If you would like to be kept up to date with information please join our WhatsApp community group relevant to your child's year group. Here you will see reminders for school tasks such as - lunch ordering, photos days and events. We can't wait to meet you all.



NOTES FROM OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 3RD SEPTEMBER

AGM SUMMARY

- We now have an ASN rep and run monthly parent peer groups to help support each other and navigate the challenges
- We now engage regularly with the other Tynecastle cluster parent councils
- We sent almost 50 emails to council and local councillors to address road safety issues
- We created a road safety information flyer to share what has been happening so far
- We got events back in full swing and raised **£9,851**
- We scrapped the entry fee for summer fair and are a class down from 22/23 so AMAZING!
- We did 3 food drives and 1 warm clothing drive to support our local community
- Welcome Leaflets were created to welcome new families to school and introduce them to CPaCC and our WhatsApp community
- We now have our own website! Come and visit it as there is lots of information.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Create a hardship fund so we don't need to circulate the request in the usual way. All requests lower than the agreed amount will be sent to school for distribution and we will keep a separate record of this fund.
- Support the school and pupil groups to spend the funds we have available which is just over £8,000 – we are currently working on improving the dining space and are working with the library team to purchase new books to update our catalogue and make it more suitable for current times. We are really keen to hear more ideas from staff and pupils!
- Continue to have events to fundraise but also to engage the school community.
- Expand our team to deliver the amazing ideas that are shared with us.
- Get the website full of information for parents and carers.
- Road Safety Campaign involving local media.

WE WANT YOUR BEST RECIPE



CPaCC are always looking to celebrate our whole school community. For example, did you know there are over 40 languages spoken by our families? One way to promote awareness of the range of cultures represented in our school, is to enjoy the many cuisines. A group has been set up to collect recipes and make these into a cookbook which will be on sale from next year, to raise funds. Have you got a recipe? Would you like to be involved in the organising of this project? Get in touch! A call out for recipes will be sent through the school in the coming months so get thinking, and tasting!

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.

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



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