



ST.MACHAN'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE

St Machan's Parent Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday 13th November 2024

Place: St Machan's Primary School

SMT Attendees: Rosaleen Miller, Rebecca Momoh

Attendees: Jenny O'Grady (Chair), Paula Miller (Clerk), Louise Shovlin, Kevin Gavigan, Niamh Rabey

PTA Attendees: Jenny O'Grady, Louise Shovlin, Kevin Gavigan, Niamh Rabey

Apologies: Canon Bath, Lauren Crawford, Denise Lenaghan

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Approval of Minutes
3. HT Report
4. PTA
5. Date of Next Meetings

MINUTES

1. WELCOME, PRAYER AND APOLOGIES

Welcome prayer

Jenny welcomed everyone

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved.

3. HT REPORT

School captains have been voted for – well done Rhys & Grace! Vice captains will be Sophia B & Keavy. The children put themselves forward and made their own presentations for this. Staff voted, the pupil council and P7 peers were also involved in this process.

Captains attended Mass on Thursday 14th November at St Andrew's Cathedral Glasgow with Miss Devlin. This event will be published on Facebook and in the Catholic newspapers.

Vice captains attended Turnbull EDC Consultation with Mrs McNulty. Lots of opportunities coming up for the children to be involved in.

Anti-bullying week was led by the UNCRC group who organised activities for the school. We have started to spend some of the PTA money, we have bought P7 chairs and will get feedback from PTA before ordering more.

Students in P1, P4/5 and P5 until Christmas

P6 loved their visit to Sky Up Academy and P3 loved Glasgow Science Centre

NSPCC will be visiting to engage with children as part of a safeguarding programme – children can speak out and be empowered as they have a right to speak out and be taken seriously. NSPCC staff are trained to go through findings with HT/DHT afterwards.

School improvement plan – staff have been visiting each other's classes to improve idea. Mrs McClelland has been running parent spelling cafes in P1 and P2 so far and will do P3 then a break until after Christmas as so busy then will pick up more classes in the new term. Feedback so far from parents/carers has been good.

Class teachers have been sharing jotters with LPS and engaging together and will look for more opportunities to continue this.

DHT is a STEM ambassador and has been in classes showing teachers to use new equipment/components. This has been a play based approach with robots, blocks etc. to engage learners to explore STEM and the children have been responding positively to the sessions.

Upcoming Events

- P6 will lead a Remembrance Day assembly – 15/11/24
- P7 Bikeability starts 21/11/24
- P4/5 & P5 will lead a St Andrew's Day assembly - 29/11 St Andrew's day – parents invited
- Catholic Education Week Mass – children to be in uniform and will be taking part in Mass - bidding prayers/offertory – 24/11/24
- EDLC GRCH – 10 children will perform as part of EDC choir made up of children from EDC primary schools and an orchestra from EDC high schools – HT and DHT then take the children out for dinner to Di Maggios and then walk round George Square to see the Christmas lights – 02/12/24
- Canon Bath blessing the crib - 05/12/24
- School Christmas lunch – 05/12/24

- P4-P7 confessions – 10/12/24
- Christmas concert – P7-P4 perform then the raffle in middle then P1-P3 nativity – 12/12/24
- Christmas Sparkle Day – wear something sparkly – possibility of a Christmas jumper swap – 13/12/24
- Community Carol Singing with LPS at St Machan's Church car park - 14/12/24
- Joint Carol Service with LPS on 17/12/24 – St Machan's Church - 17/12/24
- P6 Joint Creative Sparks performance with LPS – Campsie Memorial Hall - 18/12/24
- P6/7 singing Christmas carols at the care home - TBA

Christmas parties

P6 & P7 – 16/12/24

P4/5 & P5 – 18/12/24

P1 – P3 – 19/12/24

HT asked if PTA could advertise that speech and language will be in school on 22/11/24 9-10am – Amy Ryan will be the guest speaker and the coffee morning is open to everyone

4. PTA UPDATE

Book week coming up as is road safety week – discussed children making posters for the bus bay, Jenny looking to speak to Community Police about this and see if can get some support/advertising items, bring back 'kiss and drop' in mornings to make it move quicker and not block buses. Christmas fayre coming up and PTA hoping to raise lots of money for the school.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Planned Parent Council Meetings 29th January 2025, 26th March 2025 and 28th May 2025