



**St. Bride's Primary School and
Nursery Class Parent Council**

Parent Council Chairperson's Annual Report Highlights for Year 2023/24



It's hard to believe that another school year has come and gone so quickly. It has been another busy year; we have worked hard to support the School and Nursery through our regular engagement and planned events.



As a school and community, we have worked together to ensure that the school year 23/24 has been a successful one for St Bride's School and Nursery.

It is important for us to state what we as a Parent Council are working to achieve. Our overriding aim is to build a strong, productive and supportive partnership with the school and the wider community to ensure that the children have a positive and memorable learning experience from their time at St Bride's School and Nursery. Of equal importance, is how we can also support parents and the school staff given the pivotal role they have in nurturing and guiding the children on a daily basis during what has been very uncertain times for all of us. This is very much in line with the objectives set out in the Parent Council Constitution as outlined on the right:

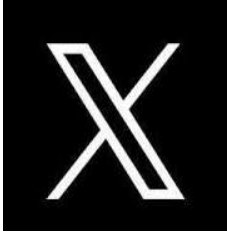
- To promote partnership between the school, its pupils, all parents and the Catholic Church to ensure that pupils develop their full potential.
- To promote partnership between the school, its pupils, all parents and St Bride's Church to ensure that pupils develop their full potential.
- To work in partnership with the school to contribute to the Catholic ethos and create a welcoming community which is inclusive for all parents.
- To develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils.
- To identify and represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils.

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The Parent Council has had another busy year and managed to achieve a number of milestones including:

<p>Parent Council Logo Updated our Parent Council Logo and shared this across our social media platforms and all paperwork and initiatives</p>	 <p>The logo features a rainbow arching over a row of colorful crayons. Above the rainbow, the text reads 'ST BRIDE'S SCHOOL & NURSERY CAMBUSLANG'. Below the crayons, the words 'Parent Council' are written in a blue, sans-serif font.</p>
<p>Parent Council Display Poster Creation of a Parent Council poster to be used and displayed in school at joint forums to reinforce our values and working together with staff and pupils and our parish.</p>	 <p>A vertical display poster on a stand. The poster has a light blue background and is decorated with a border of colorful paper sticks. At the top, it features the Parent Council logo. Below the logo, there are two circular emblems: one with the letters 'S B' and another with the text 'St. Bride's Nursery Class' and a drawing of two children. The main text on the poster reads: 'Parents, Teachers and Pupils working together in supporting the work and life of our School and Nursery through active engagement and facilitating partnerships between home, school, parish and wider community'. At the bottom, the motto 'Dream Believe Achieve' is displayed.</p>

Parent Council X (previously known as Twitter) Page
 Launched our X (previously known as Twitter) page and have secured high uptake of parents communicating with us through this medium.



Parent Council Facebook Page
 Re-launched our Facebook page and have secured high uptake of parents communicating with us through this medium.






We introduced the use of Teams in support of our in-person Parent Council meetings to encourage engagement with our parents and carers



We have altered the approach of minutes in our meetings to that of an action and decision log which provides a clear note of each action and context of the discussion point, which is supported by a RAG (red, amber, green progress, action owner and timeline indicator). This will be updated and shared after each meeting on the school and nursery website.

St Bride's School & Nursery Parent Council - Rolling Action and Decision Log

A rolling action log is maintained of all actions arising or pending from each of the previous meetings.
 The status of Actions are categorised as follows:

- Task complete - to be removed from listing
- No identified risk, on target for completion date
- Target completion date extended to allow flexibility
- Target completion date unattainable, further explanation provided


Minute Ref	Meeting Date	Action	Action Owner	Due Date	Completion Date	BRAG status	Position Statement	Supporting Documentation
PC01	06.03.2024	LT provided update via monthly HT report	LT					

Advanced Event Planning

We recognise the cost to the school day and with this in mind, we are actively working to plan in advance in conjunction with our Head Teacher to ensure we are mindful of this to our parents and carers. The recently published Head Teacher Annual Planner has the inclusion of forthcoming Parent Council Events for the school year.

My Name Tags

We have joined 'My name tags' which means every purchase of labels that are made quoting our school ID will generate a percentage return to the school and nursery



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Events

The main events that usually happen in the calendar year are:

- Disco's – Summer / Autumn and Christmas
- Bonus Ball – Easter and Christmas, we also ran an additional one over Parent Reporting evening

These events are currently the main source of the Parent Council's fundraising. The school events are a great way for families to get involved in the life of the school, to meet other parents and teachers and to build a sense of community.

Thank you to everyone who has made the events happen in the year, there is a fantastic team of people who offer their help, ideas and resources to make our events special. Please do consider joining in whatever capacity you can.

Fundraising

Our continued fundraising is critical to our ability to support school and nursery initiatives. Through these events we have been able to support the following:

- New piano stool
- Board games/crafts for all classrooms
- Maths competition prizes
- Mini Vinnies craft monies
- Ice cream van for end of term for all school and nursery pupils and staff
- Primary 7 Leavers Hoodies contribution / money donation to enable purchase of leavers takeaway treat and balloons for leavers assembly for both P7 and Nursery

We are extremely grateful for all monies we raise through the continued support from our parents and carers.

Parental/Carer Involvement

We hope to extend our events from our children to our parents and carers and parishioners, we hope these will be a success and enable to plan more for the future.

- A Bake Sale is planned for after 10am mass on the first Sunday in October (6th) in the church hall all our parents/carers, families and parishioners are invited to join us. All contributions are greatly received
- We have pencilled in a social evening in the church hall on Saturday 9th November with more details to follow. This will be the first time since pre-covid we have planned an event for our parents and carers and we hope you will come along and join us.

Summary and Next Steps:

- We are in the process of completing the application to register our Parent Council as a charity, this we hope will be accepted and allow us to progress and reach out for further financial support and initiatives
- We are keen to launch 'your school lottery' where families can choose to support the school and nursery by participating in the lottery. Winners can elect to keep their funds or donate them back to the school. For every ticket played, a percentage goes to the school. More details to follow
- Further social media launch of an Instagram page which we will link to our other social media platforms to allow all parents and carers a varied option to keep in touch with our updates
- Ideally, we would like to increase our membership, this would allow us to explore further fundraising events and activities with a large pool of members to allow this. We currently have a volunteer list of helpers for the events that have taken place, these individuals are not part of the Parent Council
- We have recently been nominated for a digital grant from Virgin Money Foundation that we have been fortunate enough to have been awarded a sum of £2000. We will work with our Head Teacher to support any school and Nursery requirements that may benefit from this
- Tesco, Burnside accepted our request to be part of their Book Lending Library over the summer and we gratefully received a cheque for £320, we will work with our Head Teacher to support any school and Nursery requirements that may benefit from this
- We have forthcoming 'shake a bucket' at Tesco, Burnside on Saturday 7th September and a date to be confirmed with Morrison's in Cambuslang, we will publish this information on our social media platforms and would be grateful for any sharing of this

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The Parent Council needs new members to keep it vibrant, particularly parents whose children at the start of their primary schooling and have a long association ahead of them. We lose a few members each year as children move on to continue their education in secondary school. Everyone on the Parent Council brings something different and useful to make it work, so please don't think you have nothing to offer.

Parent Council Meetings:

- We have held 6 Parent Council meetings to date.

Planned meetings: (others TBC)

- 4th September 2024
- 2nd October 2024
- 5th November 2024

These meetings took place in -person with the option to join online as we introduced Teams earlier this year. We will continue to provide notification of all Parent Council meetings through both our and the school and nursery social media platforms.

Membership

The constitution states that we must ensure the open and inclusive representation of the parent forum consistent with the provisions of Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006.

Parent Council Members in 2023-2024 session

- Nicola Ewing / Paula Frederick – Joint Chair, elected 2022
- Geraldine McAdam – Secretary
- John Hylands – Treasurer
- Paula Jackson
- Laura Robertson
- Nicola McFadden
- Brian Lynch
- Michelle Lynch
- Claire Muldoon
- Joanna Clark

If you are interested in becoming a member, please come along to the main meetings and make yourself known. There are always ways to get involved and we would be delighted to get to know you.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend Parent Council meetings.

Updates and actions from all meetings are available on the school website.

We will continue to use the Parent Council X (previously Twitter) and Facebook pages to keep you informed and updated

Facebook www.facebook.com/stbridesprimarycambuslang

X (Twitter) StBride'sPS_Parent Council @ParentSpc

Nicola Ewing and Paula Frederick

Joint Chair, St Bride's School and Nursery Parent Council

4th September 2024

