Llanhari Primary Parent Council

"Together we care, share and achieve"



Please find below a copy of the minutes from our latest Parent Council meeting. Parent council members are happy to raise any questions and concerns you may have. Please feel free to speak to them about any issues raised in these minutes.

Minutes of meeting -19th November 2018

Present: Nisha Price (Class 3+7), Lynne Hill (Class 4+6), Umanga Kandamby (Class 3),

Siobhan Apperley (Class 1), Hannah Pick (Class 2)

Apologies: Jodie Gibbons (Class 5), Gareth Emery (Class 6),

Agenda:

- Parent questionnaire
- Successful elements of the school
- Questions from parents

Parent Questionnaire

To support the school improvement target 'Developing the school as a learning organisation', Parent Council members are carrying out a review of parental engagement. School can access a wide range of activities and training opportunities and they are keen to find out what parents want. Parent Council developed a questionnaire in the meeting to send out electronically to all parents. This will look at activities, training events and parent's availability to volunteer. Please take a few minutes of your time to complete it when it goes live.

Successful elements of the school

Parents were asked to bring to the meeting any positive elements that they think the school does well. These included:

- The dedication ceremony at the memorial for remembrance.
- The new rugby and football club
- The new maths programme 'Big Maths'.

Questions from parents

Parent council members raised a number of questions and discussed issues of concern:

- <u>Christmas Concerts</u> How are parts decided for the Christmas concert?
 School response: Staff ask for volunteers and holds auditions where children help choose the successful candidates. Priority for main parts is given to the older children Year 6 in the junior concert and Year 2 in the foundation phase concert.
- After school clubs: Are there any more afterschool clubs for January onwards? School response: Sports club will be continuing on a Friday and girl's football on a Thursday. We hope to have cookery sessions again and if there is enough interest we will run the science club as well. We are looking to introduce a new coding club for

- pupils and parents in January, more details will follow nearer the time.
- <u>Llangrannog:</u> Can parents pay the Llangrannog trip early? School response: Yes they can pay the full balance at any time.
- <u>PE</u>: Why do children change for PE in the corridor? School response: The girls and boys change separately in the older classes. As we don't have designated changing rooms, usually one group stays in the class and one changes somewhere else. This ranges from in the hall, kitchen area or cloakroom. The children have usually decide with the teacher where they would be comfortable changing within view of the teacher for supervision. The children may be changing in the smaller corridors near the IT suite or small kitchen but these are not visible to the public.
- <u>Active Learn</u>: Can the children have more active learn homework?
 School response: Yes, if you ask the class teacher they will allocate extra activities.
- <u>Netball:</u> Why has netball finished until the spring term?
 School response: The evenings are getting darker and colder when playing outside.
 Also, as the hall is in use by other clubs, indoor sessions are not possible if it rains.
- <u>Hedges:</u> Can the nettles be cut back in the hedges outside school? School response: Yes, we will ask the grounds maintenance company to do this on their next visit.

Next meeting:

Date of next meeting: Monday 11th February 2019