

Top Points from Tonight's Parent Council Meeting

1. Thanks to all who completed the Homework Survey conducted at Parent Teacher Consultations. There were around 200 responses which is fantastic and these have now been collated by the Parent Council and passed on to school staff for further discussion. More details to follow in The Buzz and at the next Parent Council meeting.
2. Thanks to all our new Reading Volunteers who will soon be working in classes throughout the school from P1 through to P6. They were in school this week to attend a Reading Support Workshop delivered by Jenny Smith, which was excellent, and it is hoped it may be rolled out to other parents in the near future (perhaps through the school website). Our volunteers will be working with individual children previously identified by teaching staff who may benefit from some one-to-one input to develop confidence and comprehension skills. All children identified will bring home with a permission slip to be completed by parents.
3. We are absolutely delighted by the response to The Buzz from parents. It is now reaching a wider audience as it is being emailed directly to parents by the school. We extend our thanks to Kay Sutcliffe for all her hard work in putting the document together each week. We are now looking at ways to involve pupils directly in the creation of the newsletter and will be working with the Pupil Council to find ways to achieve this. Kay is very keen to hear from more parents about children's achievements which can be included in The Buzz each week. Her email is on every copy of The Buzz.
4. An interesting discussion was had about the spending of PTA money. Our fabulous PTA raises huge amounts of money each year which benefits the educational experiences of all children at Milltimber. Increasingly, however, their fundraising is having to be spent on basic learning resources (the breakdown of the spend will be shared with parents soon) as school budgets continue to be cut. It is hugely important that all parents support the important work of the PTA. In addition, Parent Council will start to look at other ways of increasing funding for our school, through grants, subsidies and corporate sponsorship programmes.
5. Parent Council have a small amount of funds provided by the council each year. There is currently £800. Mrs Hagan suggested this might be spent on replacing external notice boards to improve communication as well as installing new Vision and Values notice boards in the reception area. This will be looked into by our treasurer.

Next Meeting: Weds 19th June 18:15 – Staff Room

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