

# Parent Council Newsletter



## **DAFFODIL TEA FUNDRAISER Claypotts Castle Parent Council**

This event, held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March, was well attended by parents, carers, children, teachers and the local community. The Parent Council organised games for the children to play, we had a cake and candy stall (to which many parents and teachers contributed), a book stall, face painting, raffles and lots more. A fantastic day was had by all and everyone went away with a smile on their face (result!).

This was a terrific event that really put the fun in fundraising.

## **FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER Clepington Parent Council**

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, Clepington Primary held a highly successful fashion show fundraiser at Matalan, which raised over £750. The event was attended by approximately 150 pupils, parents and staff and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Girls and boys from every class paraded up and down the catwalk to model clothes from categories such as school uniform, casual, beach, sport and party wear. Each category was led by a member of the teaching staff and Tony Robb, Clepington Parent Council chairman, also put in a special appearance. The shop stayed open later than usual to accommodate the fashion show and was extremely helpful throughout the organisation of the event.

A great evening all round!



## **'Don't Park Here' Campaign**

On behalf of the Parking Initiative Working Group, I would like to thank you for supporting this campaign. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage you to continue highlighting it whenever possible through the work of the parent councils. It is really important that we sustain this project and permanently change the behaviour of these selfish drivers! This will make the journey to school safer for everyone.

*Lynsey McLaren, Staff Tutor Health*

## **UP & COMING EVENTS**

### **"Fun at 40" extravaganza**

Craigie High School will be 40 this year and we are organising a "Fun at 40" extravaganza. The date for this is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September and the fun starts at 10am on the school grounds. This is going to be a fun-filled event and we would welcome everyone to come along and join in the celebration.



### **RETIRAL OF GERRY McGARRY**

Gerry has played a major role in Baldragon Academy Parent Partnership (BAPP) and the former Pupil Parent Association. He has always been at the forefront of any fundraising event and has always been the link for the BAPP to the school staff and pupils.

Baldragon Academy Parent Partnership would like to thank Gerry for all his hard work over the years.

### **Being a member of the Parent Council is great!**

Hi, my name is John Worsley. I am a member of the Parent Council at Rowantree Primary School. I have been a member for a couple of years now and being part of this council has brought me on leaps and bounds.

I would say that in the beginning I would sit in the corner hoping to be missed so that I wouldn't have to speak to anyone or have an input about anything. However, during these past two years people have come and gone so I have had to step up and be counted. I have to admit that the thought of being a part of something where teachers and head teachers are involved – not to mention other parents whom I had never met before – was a bit daunting at first but I have to admit that as the months have passed I felt I could have an input and people would listen to what I had to say.



I now feel that being a part of something that can help your own child and other children gives me a sense of pride: I feel very strongly about parent councils and think that all parents should get involved as it is the best thing that I have ever done. I am now the chairperson of the parent council and wish to continue for a few more years as it is so rewarding.

I also had the greatest privilege of being a part of an interview panel to select the head teacher of our new school and all this was achieved by being on the parent council. It is worthwhile being on the parent council as you never know what you will be asked to do. I have sat in a number of meetings now and feel that the parent council has brought me out of my shell and I will no longer just sit at the back – I will be up front and making sure my voice is heard! So to any parent out there who is thinking about joining a parent council near them, I would say go for it and I can guarantee you will not be disappointed.

*John Worsley, Rowantree Parent Council*

### **THANK YOU from Taletta**

I'd like to thank you for all your hard work this past year, for the meetings you have held and attended and the support that you have been to the parents, pupils and staff at the schools across the city. I wish you a very happy and relaxing summer break and I look forward to meeting you all in the new academic year.

*Taletta Jamieson, Parent Involvement Officer*