RSV Meeting
Thursday 25th January 2024
Teams, 8pm
Minutes

Present Emily McMorris (EM), Emily Turnbull (ET), Peter Gibb (PG), Nadee Wijesurendra (NW), Lindsay Morris (LM) and 4 parents/carers

1. Welcome
- ET welcomed everyone to the first RSV meeting of 2024
- Introduction of RSV post holders
- October meeting cancelled due to illness. November meeting took the form of a Christmas Fair planning meeting

2. Headteacher Update
- PG provided a summary of significant school events since last RSV meeting most of which have been communicated to the school community via Newsletter, email and social media
- Family consultations in November were very well attended
- Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped with the Tempest Photography session
- A partnership has been established with Lost Shore Surf Resort via workshops at the school with pupils and a site visit with staff. PG looks forward to developing this relationship as the project develops in Ratho
- P1 open day was well attended and there was positive feedback for the P7 pupils who helped on the day
- December was a very busy month with a lot of enjoyable events for the children. Thank you to all pupils, staff and carers who supported these events
- Nativity performances and the P2-4 sing-along took place in the Church Hall for the first time. Positive feedback from families. PG noted that a lot of work was involved in getting the nursery children to and from the Hall
- Thank you to the RSV for subsidising the coach payment for the Lyceum trip
- Congratulations again to Ratho School Choir who won the local Choir competition at St Mary's, Dalmahoy
- The School Library was opened and is already proving to be a valuable resource. Thank you to Mrs Smith for all her hard work and the RSV for providing funds for the bookcases.
- Miss Feld was appointed as the the new class teacher for P4
- The P1 and P1/2 classes will be trialling the Padlet this term following positive feedback from P7 parents/carers and staff
- PG thinks that the whole school may switch to using the Padlet as it appears to be a more effective communication tool than the Learning Journals
- PG is in discussion with The Community Centre Committee re repairs to the memorial plantar at the entrance to the school (repairs were carried out in December for health and safety reasons). He is hoping the cost can be split between the school and community centre
- Storm checks were carried out following Storm Isha, trees had come down on Scottish Canals' land with branches etc falling into the school grounds. Work was done today to remove the trees and the sites are now deemed safe
- Upcoming events this term:
  - Generation Science Interactive Workshop for P7
  - Oriam Tennis for P5
  - PG in discussion to set up a P7 football team
  - Parent Workshop for online safety
  - Glee Club competition
  - Vision Time has restarted on a Friday where pupils take part in an extra-curricular activity of their choice e.g. lego, craft, coding
  - Rights Nights are going to an event at Balerno High School
  - P4 Assembly
  - P5/6 Spring Show
  - Family Consultations

2a. Headteacher request for feedback from RSV

- **The Snow Queen**
- A number of families opted to pay the extra £3 for their snow queen tickets to allow all pupils to attend. RSV in agreement that payment for future trips could be done like this with any surplus funds going towards other school projects/activities
- This may mean that less money is needed by PG from the Opportunities Fund in the Summer Term, freeing up funding for other projects e,g. Support for Learning Bluetooth Keyboards

- **World Book Day 23rd April 20204**
- In discussion with those in attendance it was decided the school would take part in World Book Day
- EM and ET requested that families be given plenty of notice of the event and PG highlighted the importance of making it affordable for all
- EM suggested pupils that do not want to dress up could decorate a potato as their favourite book character
- RSV will send out a request for parents/carers to visit the school to read a story to the children during the week of World Book Day
- PG will be contacting the school community to see if any parents/carers could support the Young Librarians Group

- **Transport for P7 Transition Visit to Balerno High School (BHS)**
- The cost for the coaches for the 3 days is £825 to be paid by RPS. In previous years the cost has been split with BHS
- PG has been in contact with the Transport Department to see if there can be any reduction in the cost
- May need to ask RSV to subsidise the cost if an arrangement cannot be made with the council

3. Christmas Fair Update

- Update from NW re totals raised for Christmas Events
- Christmas Fair - £3965
- Christmas Cards - £329
- Calanders/Magnets/Keyrings - £1,188
- Calander Sponsorship - £350
- Total - £5823 with some payments due so total likely to be around £6000
- Thank you to everyone for their support, particularly all the volunteers
- Plea from EM and ET for a bigger group of volunteers next year please!
- EM highlighted that Emma Buchan who organises the market stalls will not be doing this next year as her child moves up to BHS so we will need a new volunteer for this role

4. Easter and Summer Fundraising Update

- EM and ET met to discuss the above
- Easter Bonnet/Crazy Hair competition suggested for the end of term
- Pupils can design their own bonnet or style their hair and class teachers will decide a winner on the day (?22nd March)
- Pupils will pay a fee to enter and a chocolate prize will be given to each winner
- PG happy to support this idea
- Sports Day BBQ will go ahead this year if a team of volunteers come forward. It was a great success last year
- EM suggested a colour bomb assault course event where pupils would gain sponsorship for their participation.
- PG requests that this takes place outside of school hours

5. AOB

Nursery Building Update

- PG attends monthly meetings with the Council and Clark Contracts
- 1st April deadline will not be met. Likely that new deadline will be set for mid May
- Once completed, The Care Inspectorate need to sign off so unlikely the building will be open before the summer
- The new nursery will provide a combination of term time hours (30 hours a week, term time) and 22.5 hours a week over 50 weeks
- The Early Years team will decide how these hours are delivered
- The new hours will mean a change to the current Staffing Model
- Recruitment is underway for the new posts
- If the nursery is full (64 children) there will be 6 EYPs and 3 EYAs (mixture of full and part time)
- If a Family would like to split their nursery hours e.g. between nursery and childminder the onus is on the family to come to an arrangement with another family to share a nursery place

Unsafe Parking in Hallcroft at pick up/drop off
- Concerns raised by local residents and parents/carers regarding unsafe parking and manoeuvers in Hallcroft at pick up and drop off
- PG will send out an email to families asking people to walk wherever possible and park with consideration if they need to drive to ensure the safety of all children

Ratho Gala Day 8th June 2024
- Request from Angela Temple, Gala Chair for volunteers to organise the Nursery and P1 Gala floats
- ET will put a message on Nursery FB page, LM will do the same for P1
- A request for more volunteers to help on the day of the Gala with stalls, rubbish collection, set up, clear up etc.

Improve engagement/involvement with RSV meetings
- EM and ET noted low attendance at recent meetings
- PG will continue to email out meeting details
- Chairs to consider producing a flyer that could be sent out to Families to make people aware that the meetings can be attended by anyone in the school community

Date of next meeting 22nd February 2024 time and venue tbc