RSV Chairperson's Report 2021-2022

June 2022

This report provides a summary of some of the key activities and achievements by Ratho School Voice (Parent Council and PTA) over the past year. Thank you for the continued support from parents/carers. It has been great to have had our first face to face meeting since early 2020. Engagement with the virtual meetings this year has been at a lower level, but we were encouraged to see an increase in numbers at the first meeting back at the Bridge Inn. Whether you attend meetings, help with fundraising, sit on school improvement groups, or support school events, all help is greatly appreciated.

The RSV supported the school in many ways this session including funding a new bluetooth speaker for the nursery to allow them to continue their outdoor learning, contributing towards the P7 camp, and other funding requests that have come from the school.

Further ways in which the RSV has supported the school are as follows:

Class reps - Thank you to the class reps for their continued support. The role is very helpful in increasing communication between school staff and parents, and I know a lot of parents enjoy the little reminders about school photos, class trips etc. that are often shared. This is something we plan to continue, with the support of parents and school staff.

Virtual Christmas Fair – Unfortunately again this year we were unable to host the Christmas Fair, however we repeated some of the activities from last year's virtual fair with great success. This included the Luxury Raffle and now infamous Barrow of Booze. Thank you to all the parents/carers and school staff who helped make these so successful. Providing no further restrictions and the availability of willing volunteers to co-ordinate and run, we would hope to have some form of live Christmas Fair this coming year.

Annual Class Trips – The RSV have committed to providing £100 per class for nursery to primary 4 to go towards annual trips. In addition to this we have agreed to support a yearly model of excursions that pupils can look forward to in each stage as they progress through the school. This will be for p5-7 (including p7 camp). These year groups will receive their £100 allocation plus additional funding to support the excursions.

Classroom Resources – The RSV will be providing an additional £50 per class for classroom resources to be spent however the class teacher finds appropriate.

Helpers – On occasion we are asked by the school to help source volunteers for specific events. This year we have managed to provide volunteers for helping to wrap the nursery-p2 Christmas gifts and help co-ordinate the individual and sibling photographs. Thank you to those that stepped forward!

Communication – This continues to be a big priority for the RSV and should you have any feedback we would be delighted to receive it.

Some of the main methods of communication are:

School Website – This has a page for each class and lots of information regarding what is happening in the school.

Twitter - The school uses twitter and their twitter feeds are linked into the website.

Class Facebook Pages - The class reps have been using facebook pages to communicate to the relevant parent/carer groups. Questions can be posted on these pages or communicated privately to the class reps who raise these at the RSV meetings

Email Communications – The school admin team continue to send out key information though the emails with the assistance of Group Call that also sends text message alerts. Communication from Group Call should be considered the primary source of updates for the school for all years.

School Notice Board – This is there as a primary source of information for all. Hopefully its prominent position at the school gates means it is useful to many parents/carers.

TEAMS- The school have continued to utilise TEAMS for homework and for general class information.

We welcome any new ideas, so please feel free to come to a meeting or drop us a line with your ideas.

Thank you to all parents who have attended the RSV meetings, helped at school events, and contributed in any way over the course of the year but an especially big thanks to **Debby Smith** for looking after the finances and **Charlie Roy & Stephie Phipps** for covering the role of secretary.

Debby and Charlie have confirmed their intention to continue in these roles for next session, although if you are keen to hold a role within the RSV please do get in touch – additional support is always appreciated.

We would also like to thank the out going p7 parents who have made a considerable contribution of time and effort on the behalf of RSV over the years.

Thank you to **Peter Gibb**, **Lynne Smith,** and **Carol Nicholson** for their commitment to supporting the RSV and working with us to develop a strong relationship between the school, parents/carers and the wider community.

Lastly, our thanks go to the entire teaching staff, PSA's Support and janitorial staff for their continued good humour and concerted efforts.

Leanne Chalmers & Emily McMorris, RSV Chairs June 2022