RSV Meeting
Thursday 3rd October 2024
Teams, 8pm
Minutes

Present Emily McMorris (EM), Emily Turnbull (ET), Peter Gibb (PG), Lindsay Morris (LM), Annie Flemming (AF), Ling

Apologies Nathalie Dubanowski, Lynsey Lynes, Claire Muir, Emma Mowat, Stephie Phipps

1. Welcome
- ET welcomed new attendees and introduced current RSV role holders.

2. Headteacher Update
- Pupil Voice Groups have been established and have held their first meetings. All pupils who wanted to be involved have been given the opportunity.
- Thank you to those that donated to September's dress down day fund which was raising money for Jeans for Genes Day a charity supporting people living with a genetic condition. Children were given more information on this at Assembly.
- The Harvest Festival was a very enjoyable event. Thank you to Mrs Brown for organising and for all those that contributed to the food bank drive for the Store House, Ratho's local food bank.
- Pupils have been learning about the Global Goals and presented their learning on Global Goals 12: Responsible Production and Consumption.
- P7 Camp Assembly will be held next week. Parents/Carers will be invited to attend.
- Vision Time starts tomorrow. Pupils split into their house groups to participate in learning and activities outside of their usual curriculum.
- Homework club is up and running and takes place on a Monday after school.
- Netball Club, run by Miss Feld, is held on a Tuesday after school. They will compete in a tournament at Meadowbank on the 18th of November.
- Simon Says Dance (SSD) will move to a Wednesday after the October Break.
- Glee Auditions will be held on the 9th of October (P4-P7). From the 1st of November they will rehearse on a Friday and then on a Monday and Friday from the 10th of January.
- The P1 Evening News photo has been published and the school is awaiting the arrival of the copies ordered by families.
- Currie Chieftains Rugby taster sessions are in the middle of a 4 week block. PG thanked them for their support of the school.
- Tempest Photography will be at the school on the 5th of November for individual and sibling photos.
- Flu Vaccine Programme ran smoothly.
- NHS Team have weighed and measured all P1 pupils.
- P1 Open Day will take place on the 6th of November.
- Family Consultations will be held on the 13/14th of November.
- PG reports that the lets are confirmed for the Halloween Discos (26th October 2-6pm) and Christmas Fair (30th November 9am-4pm). EM asked if the let could be extended to 5pm on the 30th to allow for clear up. PG will arrange this.

3. Questions Submitted

a. Additional Support for Learning (ASL) and Support for Learning (SFL) Review
- PG reports that The Inclusion Review is primarily looking at regrading positions and restructuring services.
- The full impact is not known yet but PG does not think it will have a big impact on ASL and SFL at Ratho Primary School (RPS).
- The regrading of positions is likely to have greater impact in Special Schools where more specialist roles are required for dealing with medication etc.
- PG reports that there is potential for changes within other services, e.g. Education Welfare Service and English as an Additional Language.
- ASL Leads, who advise/contribute to child planning meetings are also undergoing a restructuring within their service.

- PG will inform families when there is more information on the restructuring and any impact this may have on RPS.

b. Update on New Nursery/Library Building
- PG has a progress meeting with the Council tomorrow (4th of October).
- Date for building handover from Clark Contracts to the Council is 21st October. There will then be a "snagging" period.
- Once the building is signed off the Care Inspectorate will visit to carry out their assessment. This visit was due to take place on 10th of October so will need to be rescheduled.
- Once the Care Inspectorate have signed off the new nursery can open.
- EM asked if there will be more intakes e.g. April/October? PG assumes that if there are spaces a child would be given a place at the beginning of the term following their 3rd birthday.
- AF suggested that a lot of families in the community are not aware that the new nursery will offer different hours to the term time hours currently offered. PG advised that information about Council nurseries can be found on the City of Edinburgh Council website. PG will check what information is available on the nursery padlet regarding the new nursery.

c. P7 Camp Date for 2025/26
- PG reports that RPS was originally offered the second week in December for their P7 Camp at Lagganlia.
- Following further discussions PG was able to book the wb 18th August 2025.
- PG will send communication to families next week, with this information and details of cost.

4. Final Kilt Walk Update
- 16 people took part and raised £1200 to pay for a new smart board. ET reports that money will be in the account next week.
- PG thanked Nathalie Dubanowski for all her efforts to organise the event and everyone who took part/donated for their support of the school.

5. Smart Board Replacement Project
- RSV had agreed, at the end of last session, to fund 1 new smart board. The Kilt Walk money will now allow the RSV to fund a second smart board.
- PG will start the process of replacing 2 of the current smart boards.
- The RSV will revisit funds in January with a view to funding a further smart boards at this stage.

6. Halloween Disco Update
- EM reports that the DJ is booked and a list of parent volunteers has been organised.
- Tickets will be sold on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th of October in the playground after school.
- PG will open gates at 2.40pm and set up tables.
- Included in ticket price (£3.50) is the professional DJ, LED glow bracelet, crisps and juice.
- PG discussed the Discos at Assembly. Children asked if they had to dress up. EM - fancy dress encouraged but not required. No masks allowed.
- PG will send out this information in the newsletter and inform pupils.
- Tickets must be brought to the Disco with emergency contact information completed.
- Remaining tickets will be available to buy wb 21st October, details tbc.
- If the Discos go well the RSV might look to organise similar events later in the school year.

7. Christmas Calendar, Magnets & Keyrings Update
- The Calendar has been created and sponsors finalised.
- Closing Date for orders is 25th October.
- EM asked if PG could update Claire Miller (CM) on this year's topic.
- CM will publicise this years Calendar Competition before the October Break.

8. Christmas Cards Update
- Christmas Card packs from Cauliflower Cards have arrived at the school office.
- Designs need to be sent back to Cauliflower Cards by Friday 11th of November.
- PG has shared with staff. Designs will be done in class next week.
- Order forms to be sent out to families wb 21st October. The company provide a video with instructions on how to complete the forms. EM to share with PG and on RSV page.
- Plan is for orders to be collected by courier at the end of October.

9. Christmas Fair Update

- Christmas Fair to take place on Saturday 30th November 1-4pm.
- We have a good list of volunteers. EM and ET hoping to fill the remaining slots in the next few weeks. Communication to be sent via the RSV Facebook page and class reps.
- Professional Santa booked. EM proposed raising the cost to £4. This was agreed by those in attendance.
- Stephie Phipps is organising the Market Stalls.
- Ewa Well Photography has been booked again. She gives 50% of her earnings on the day back to the school. EM thanked her for her continued support.
- Brenda Binnie has been booked to do face painting.
- There will not be a Bake Off event this year. RSV plan to run a coffee morning/bake off event around Easter time instead.
- ET will send out communication regarding donations (mulled wine, home baking, children's tombola items) at the beginning of November. Will not be able to store in the new school library as in previous years. PG will establish a storage area for donations.

10. Future Meetings

- ET and EM note low attendance at meetings over the last few months/years.
- Previously, meetings held at the Bridge Inn had been well attended. PG noted that the cost involved may discourage some from attending.
- LM to establish whether there would be space to hold the meetings in the Community Centre.
- ET will conduct a survey to gauge whether a change in location/day/time would improve attendance. Communication will be sent via the Facebook page and PG will email to families.

11. Co-Chair Election Notice

- EM officially stepping down as Co-Chair.
- Elections for a new Co-Chair will be held at the November meeting.
- LM has volunteered to take on the role and has been proposed by ET.
- ET to publish information regarding the Co-Chair election to the Facebook page to establish if anyone else would like to put themselves forward for the role.
- ET and PG thanked EM for all her hard work with the RSV over the past 5 years.
- Nadee is stepping down from her role as Treasurer. Handover has been completed with Stephanie Nelson and Keith Pettigrew. They are awaiting access the the banking information.

12. AOB

- PG has requested a Finance Meeting with the RSV to check funds. ET will coordinate with PG and arrange a suitable time for everyone to meet.
- PG requested help from the RSV in funding new violin stands and bows and new bluetooth keyboards and headphones for the new model of Ipad. ET thinks this should be ok but would like an outline of costs first. To be discussed further at the Finance Meeting.
- PG asked if RSV aware of Parent Council Support Meetings. ET reports that we receive communication about this.
- Balerno High School have extended an invitation to their Parent Council Meeting on the 8th of October.

Date of next meeting Thursday 7th November, venue and time TBC