

**MEETING OF  
ACHAHOISH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**

**MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2019**

**ACHAHOISH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**6.00 pm**

**AGENDA**

1. WELCOME - Mr Alan Stewart
2. APOLOGIES
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
4. MATTERS ARISING
5. FINANCE REPORT
6. HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE
7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING



### Staffing

I am delighted to say that we had a great response to our recruitment for PT maternity cover with 4 applicants. We have appointed Sarah Jones, who is coming to us with lots of leadership experience and enthusiasm.

Elaine has taken up a secondment to Ardrishaig PS and we will be welcoming Mrs Hoad to the role of Clerical Assistant as soon as she receives her PVG certificate.

### Our adventures

In March we finished our block of shinty – I hear this has helped inspire some pupils to take up the stick!

Our staff have been continuing their professional development with Mrs Graham attending further Child Protection Training followed by a day in Inveraray working with other practitioners on 'Achieving a Level' looking at assessment and moderation in the primary setting.

Mrs Gascoigne and Mrs Graham attended 'singing in the classroom' and are keen to get singing!

The whole school have been enjoying Library visits in Lochgilphead, thank you to the Library staff for their assistance and support.

We seem to have had a long spring break with the addition of the extra days for the Easter weekend.

After a 5 week block of Samba drumming, the children gave a short but joyful performance on April the 26<sup>th</sup>

Tairbeirt Fèis took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> and it was lovely to see so many Achahoish faces. It's a great way to meet new friends and enjoy traditional music.

During this term the P7 boys have had lots of transition activities- world of work day , magic torch day, visit from Ali Energy, Mrs Baird, Mrs Elder and then all the visits to LJC! This is the actual induction week and I hope the boys are going to tell us all about their adventures.

We are very happy with our new blackout blinds. These should help with seeing the whiteboard while also providing a level of thermal insulation.

On May 9<sup>th</sup> the school travelled to SAMS to visit the Ocean Explorer. They got the opportunity to find out about being a marine biologist. It is an interesting visit, and it would be good to visit again, but next time with a mini bus- I know that buses are such a high cost but if we can use the mini bus we could keep costs lower.

Elaine's last day was on the 13<sup>th</sup> may and we wish her all the best in her new job. Please excuse any lack of clerical in the meantime as we wait for our new Clerical to begin.

Pupil Council has continued, uniting our schools. The quiz sheet proved popular- the final draw has not yet been made! Well done to all those who gave it a go! (could you spot the questions written by Achahoish pupils?)

Sports day in Ashfield was a great success with lots of parents and lots of fun. Thank you to all who made this possible.

Last Thursday we held a Shared Learning science day. With Clachan Primary joining us for a full day of science. SSE gave an interesting presentation of electricity and safety. Followed by Mrs Gascoigne who gave a fantastic afternoon of fossil fun and rocking rocks! Thank you!

### To come

We have another Library visit planned for the 10<sup>th</sup> June so get reading!

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of June we will attend the Tarbert Castle Archaeological –this will be a fab opportunity to be part of our history

The School will host a Garden party on the 15 June Thank you to Jacky for her continued support and hard work.

The Fèis family Ceilidh takes place that evening in Tarbert. Anyone who has taken part in Fèis this year can perform- just come along to the practice session on June the 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Templars Hall- check Fèis Facebook for details.

June the 17<sup>th</sup> wind farm trip with Clachan Primary- this session we have been learning all about power and electricity, as part of this topic we will be visiting the windfarm to learn about turbines and wind generated power. Thank you so much to the Lithgows for organising our transport and for giving us access to this interesting site.

ClachAhoish! sports day 18 June - both schools will join together for a day of fun sports and games (midges are not invited!)

We will give out a June dates sheet when we have finalised dates.

To come will be a Beach Day

End of Term Performance

And the last day of term with a 12.30 pick up

### Action from School Improvement Plan

#### **Leadership and Management**

'Develop a new vision Values and Aims that reflects the nature and dynamics of Achahoish primary school and the community'

Working with the children, staff and parents we wanted to find a vision that fitted us as a unique school.

The responses showed that we valued our location and the amazing start our children are gaining. We wanted to reflect building links with the community of Achahoish and growing learners who will become future custodians. Our school aims to work with all stakeholders to provide a great future for our learners and also a future for Argyll and Ormsary. Taking this all into consideration our school vision will be

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When I counted the words given in response to our questions the two words I found repeated most were Kindness and Respect. And so our school ethos simply is  
**'Kindness and Respect'**

You will see our vision appearing on letters, emails on walls etc as it should be a uniting vision for us all learning, together, future 😊

Now it is time for me to write next year's school improvement plan. Please take a moment to fill in the short questionnaire- your replies help us to plan for the year to come and evaluate this year. Thank you.

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To help us plan, we need to ask what we do well and what could be improved.

**What do we do well at Achahoish Primary?**

**What do we do together? What more can we do?**

**What do you enjoy learning?**

**What could we do better in the future?**

**What do we do that's fun?**





# Argyll and Bute Parent Council Newsletter



Welcome back to session 2019-2020! Thank you for volunteering to support our schools to provide the best possible for the young people of Argyll and Bute. Please find below important information on upcoming events and links to further information.

## 1 | Argyll and Bute Parent Council Conference

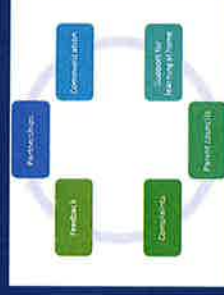
Don't miss your chance to meet and network with national speakers and other Parent Council members. Look out for the event registration link coming out soon!

**Saturday  
September 21st 2019  
9:30am-3:00pm  
Loch Fyne Hotel Inveraray**

## 2 | Argyll and Bute Parental Engagement Strategy

Last session the Argyll and Bute Parental Engagement Strategy was launched. Get your copy here:

[https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sites/default/files/parental\\_engagement\\_strategy\\_final\\_feb\\_19.pdf](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sites/default/files/parental_engagement_strategy_final_feb_19.pdf)



## 3 | Resources

Have you seen these resources from Connect that explain the roles of Parent Council?

<https://connect.scot/top-nav/resources>

Find them under the **'Running your parent council or PTA'** tab

