



# Parents Council Newsletter



## Multi-cultural Celebration!

Don't forget to mark Friday 28 November (1.30pm to 3.30pm) in your diary as the Parents' Council will be hosting our first ever Multi-Cultural Event for the pupils.

The children will be able to:

- explore cultures from around the world
- sample global foods
- discover international flags, books, instruments and traditional clothing
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If you have any international items (flags, books, instruments, clothes/costumes), please:

- drop them off at the school office by Friday 21 November
- clearly label everything with your name and contact number for safekeeping.



Just a few of our Parents' Council committee members, all ready for the fun to begin at the Hallowe'en Disco!!

## Christmas plans

The Parents' Council and the school are teaming up to bring some festive cheer with a line-up of seasonal events. Here's what's coming up!



School Open Night - 9 December



Christmas Jumper Swap - 27 to 28 November (donations to be added to black box beside picnic bench at the school before 26 November).



Christmas Jumper Day - 11 December



Christmas Fayre (with Santa visit) - 11 December

Stay tuned for more updates - it's going to be a magical month!

## Disco Update



We hope all your little ghosts and ghouls had a blast at our Hallowe'en Disco - we know the Parents' Council certainly did!

Thanks to everyone who made our Hallowe'en Disco a spooky success, especially our amazing volunteers - you were brilliant!

We raised a grand total of £936 from the disco and £52.85 from the Hallowe'en costume swap.

## Assembly tea, coffee and treats

Watch out for our Parents' Council members serving tea, coffee and tasty goodies at your child's next school assembly.

We know how welcome a cuppa (and maybe a jam-filled scone!) is after the morning drop-off. While we can't offer this every day, we're happy to do it for assemblies.

💰 A donation box will be available on the day for anyone who'd like to support the costs and our wider fundraising efforts. In fact, the Assembly on 7 November raised a fantastic £37.17 – thank you! 😊

## Take500 grant

Under the £500+ Participatory Budget Fund, local groups in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon can bid for up to £1,000 for community projects.

The grant is particularly important as it is local people who get to decide how the public funds are used to address needs in their area.

We're thrilled to announce that our Parents' Council has been awarded £750 to host our first-ever Multicultural Celebration Day on 28 November.

Some details for the celebration are above – but, as always, keep an eye on the School Dojo for more information.

## Fundraising Goal

We're fundraising for a brand new school library area – designed to benefit all pupils.

After working closely with Principal, Mr Scott-Mulholland, we've now set our goal: £7,634. Our first CAD design for the space is in too – see below) so things are taking shape!

☀️ Keep an eye out for our space-themed fundraising tracker, soon to be on display at the school. It will show how much we've raised so far, and track our rocket's journey to the moon and stars as we get closer to our goal!

A big shout-out to Colin Russell, our talented carpenter, and Phillipa Sterritt, our amazing artist, for helping bring this vision to life! 😊



## Walking Group

We've had some suggestions to start a walking group for grown-ups – a chance to get moving, chat and enjoy the fresh air together.

If this is something you'd enjoy, click or copy this link to join the Whatsapp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EI1tmPUsHTIIBVktlrHGfV2?mode=wwt>