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Parent Council Minutes 21th September 2026 - 19:00-20:00

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1) Fàilte agus facal tòisich bho na Cathraichean - Welcome from the Chairs

Welcome from chairs.

2) Gnothaichean ag èirigh agus aontachadh geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh mu dheireadh - Minutes of the previous meeting & matters arising

Accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Proposed by Nerissa Drennan-Lang and seconded by Heather McGibbon.

3) Aithris a’ cheannard - Headteacher Update

Pastoral Care Contacts

Karen Reid - Sgoil-àraich, C1 & C2
Sineag MacIntyre - C4, C5, C6
Laura Stewart - C3 & C7 & Support for learning

If you have any concerns, contact your pastoral care contact via the school office at admin@taobhnapairce.edin.sch.uk

Lost property

There is still a lot of lost property, please label everything. Classes are handing out named items each Friday, but there are large piles of unlabeled items.

School Improvement Priorities

- Raising staff, pupil and parental engagement in Gaelic Language
- Closing (narrowing) the poverty related attainment gap

School Self Evaluation and Improvement Planning

Staffing

- New PSA joining on Monday 28th September.
- Recruited new early years domestic assistant for Sgoil-araich.
- Offered and awaiting acceptance of one of the Early Year practitioner vacancy.
- Recruiting for a Friday office administrator.

Ongoing vacancies
1 EYP in Sgoil-araich and 1 EYP for C1

Sgioba PSA

- There are 10 permanent PSA Staff. 5 work part time, 5 work part time. 5 PSAs support pupils 1:1 fulltime.
- We also prioritise C1 for PSA support (three PSAs)
- We need to cover the break and lunchtimes with the adequate adult supervision.
- Classes with high levels of ASN may require two PSAs.

This is the reason why not all classes have an assigned PSA.

Parent Survey 25-26

Results from the survey was lack of clarity around how we report to parents, what homework happens in school, and how parents can support with Gaelic in the home.
We have produced 3 info leaflets which are shared in school, on the website and in the weekly email update.

Fichead Facal

Launch of this, we are in week 2 of doing this homework for the whole family. Children are reporting enjoying doing this with parents.

GME Provision in Edinburgh

A meeting was held with Amanda and Robbie Crockett, Strategic Asset Planning Manager for Edinburgh City Council in TnP in August 28th. Positive meeting, focusing on the rising roll in GME and the pressures on the school. Next meeting on 23rd October.

Parking in Stanwell Street

Local residents are frustrated by the congestion and illegal parking in Stanwell Street. There has been a meeting with Chas Booth, councillor for Leith, so start discussion on turning it into a school street, with restricted access for non-residents.

Screen Time in School

There was a recent enquiry about whether the school had a screen time policy in school. The school does not, but children talked about it in school, about how screens are used in school vs home. Guth sgoilear are putting together a leaflet for parents to explain how screens are used in school.
A reminder that one aspect in the curriculum includes Digital Literacy, where they are able to safely use digital technology.
Further information will be shared soon.

AI Generated Complaints

There has been a surge in AI-assisted complaints putting extra strain on councils and schools. This increases the time it can take to respond, and according to council policy, we have 5 working days to respond, which with a rise in complaints, cannot always be achieved. Please bear with us while we process complaints.

Respect Me & Black History Month

Work on celebrating difference ahead of Black History month, using resources from Respectme, Scotland's national anti-bullying charity. Police Scotland will speak to the whole school at Cruinneachadh.
We celebrate cultural events and festivals at Assembly on Mondays, today was Yom Kippur.

Restart a Heart Campaign

We have a defibrillator in school, and are working with the restart a heart campaign to have in class training for CPR. This will be on 1st October.

In school regular events

- Cafaidh Gaidhlig

Last Friday of the month 9.30 Talla Bidh

- Leasan Gaidhlig airson Parantan

Last Wednesday of every month, per class

Dates for diaries

October break Monday 12th October to Monday 19th October (inclusive)
School returns for pupils on Tuesday 20th October.

All these dates are also available on the school and parent council websites.

4)Aithris a' chathraiche - PC Chairs Update

Welcome Picnic

There was a Welcome Picnic and Uniform Sale which was well attended by all. If anyone wants to organise another uniform sale soon, please get in touch.

Deputation to Council - Rising Rolls

Both James Gillespies and Boroughmuir are having capacity issues, and we feed into James Gillespies. Both High schools have been meeting with the council to discuss their rising rolls pressures. Feeder schools were also invited, including us.
As a result of that, the council have realised there are capacity and space issues at Taobh na Pairce.
As such, a deputation was submitted to the council on the pressures at Taobh na Pairce. This year we have 17 classes, even though the allocated capacity is 16 classes. This leads to pressures on gym hall, breakout spaces, etc. There are huge capacity issues at the school.
Likely next year there will be 17 classes again, but the year after, there would no doubt be 18 classes, leading to a huge pressure within two years.

A meeting was held with Amanda Hatton and Robbie Crockett to look at the immediate capacity at TnP. They will consider this **AND** the wider GME in Edinburgh.
As such, much more work will be done on this. GME provision in Edinburgh is often overseen by Comann na Parant, and they need new volunteers willing to help with meetings and campaigns for the future of GME, and value parental input. If you have children in the younger years at the school, please consider joining them.

We will be getting in touch with various political parties and existing councillors to ensure that GME provision is considered in the manifesto of parties during the upcoming council elections.

Events

Lots of events in the pipeline, including Halloween, Christmas Fair, quiz night, ceilidh. If you want to help with any, or have ideas of your own, please get in touch.
If anyone has any idea for raffle prizes for the Feill Nollaig, has a business that could donate a prize, or can suggest a local business that might want to contribute, please get in touch with Rachael Tullo.

Partaidh Oidhche Shamhna

Planning for Halloween Party is already underway, if you are available to help, please get in touch.
It's a big highlight of the year, and any new parents in P1-P4, please get involved in volunteering on the day, as it will be busy in the area. Contact Liz Neil on Classlist, and request for volunteers will come out soon.
The party will be on 30th October.

Small Sums

Some of the money raised goes on the Small Sums Scheme which operates on a continual basis. If you have an idea for something that could benefit the school, and you are willing to facilitate it, please apply. Full details and rules can be found on our website.
Apply using the online form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvR0JZvjjD2SySIUkAVV-_Bz9Yo3R13xyWXR0PChJLMbLn-g/viewform?usp=header

There is still a decent pot of money available for the Small Sums, so please apply if you have any ideas, and that can include pupil ideas, with support from an adult.

Parking on Stanwell Street

Please park considerately, not on zig-zags. We have an agreement with James Pringle Mill who allow us to use their car park during drop off and pick up times.

Volunteers / Class Reps / PVG

We are still looking for class reps for many classes, please get in touch if you would like further information.

If you also want to volunteer at an event, or be a parent volunteer for the school, please get in touch with Heather McGibbon who can organise PVG checks for parents.
safeguarding@parantantaobhnapairce.org.uk

Christmas Cards

Pupils have been drawing their Christmas cards for fundraising, and will soon be out for ordering and we will look for some volunteers to help sort out the cards when they arrive.

5)Aithris an ionmhasair - Treasurer update

If you are thinking of planning an event, please get in touch with me at early stages, to understand what is needed from a financial point of view for all events.
Amanda Waite works full time, and may take a few days to get back to you, but she will!

To start with, big thank you to all organisers and volunteers of the Summer Feill, which brought in a large sum of money to the Parent Council. Thank you particularly to Becka Gauld and Rachael Tullo.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY BETWEEN	**1 January 2026**	and	**20 September 2026**	
CATEGORY	**INCOME**	**EXPENDITURE**	**PROFIT/LOSS**	**COMMENTARY**
School Lottery	£385.35	£0.00	£385.35	Proceeds from lottery sales and winnings donated
Easy Fundraising	£179.36	£0.00	£179.36	Proceeds from Easy Fundraising affiliate shopping
Paypal	£116.23	£0.00	£116.23	Regular and one-off donations from families
ASDA Cashpot	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Proceeds from Asda Cashpot donation initiative from families' shopping
Stikins	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Commission from Stikins labels
Uniform sale	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	Sale donations
Christmas Cards	£1,198.95	£0.00	£1,198.95	Commission for Christmas Card Sales in 2025
Small Sums Scheme	£0.00	-£693.80	-£693.80	Payments made for Small Sums Projects
Fèill Samhraidh 2026	£8,681.57	-£1,304.89	£7,376.68	Income and Expenditure from Fèill Samhraidh 2026

Fèill Samhraidh School Fund 2026	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Donation to School Funds of profit of Fèill Samhraidh 2026
PC Website	£0.00	-£12.99	-£12.99	Hosting and email
Bank Charges and Cashback	£2.90	-£24.10	-£21.20	
School Staff End Of Year Party	£0.00	-£102.00	-£102.00	Donation of cakes for staff end of year party
Miscellaneous Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Expenses for postage and other operating costs
Halloween	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Proceeds from Halloween party
Edinburgh Council	£697.00	£0.00	£697.00	Regular grant for running PC from the Local Authority
Fèill Nollaig 2025	£57.87	£0.00	£57.87	Received in 2026 from SumUp for 2025 Christmas fair
Fèill Nollaig 2026	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Income and Expenditure from Fèill Nollaig 2026
Christmas concerts 2025	£678.26	£0.00	£678.26	Income and Expenditure from Christmas concerts 2025
Christmas trees	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Income and from Christmas tree deposits 2025
Fèill Nollaig School Fund 2025	£0.00	-£3,061.00	-£3,061.00	Donation to School Funds of proceeds of 2025 Christmas activities
C1 School Jumpers 2026	£0.00	-£807.96	-£807.96	Payment of C1 School Jumpers invoice
C1 event	£71.35	£0.00	£71.35	Donations from C1 welcome
C7 event	£170.35	£0.00	£170.35	Donations from C7 farewell event
Posters	£907.10	-£49.13	£857.97	Income and expenditure from Gaelic learning posters
Inclusion Fund	£0.00	-£527.50	-£527.50	Donations as part of Inclusion Fund commitment
Gaelic cafe	£371.80	-£143.13	£228.67	Card payment donations received on behalf of school
BnaG grant	£324.80	-£1,512.80	-£1,188.00	Grant held on behalf of school
Sgoil-araich outdoor area	£355.69	-£355.69	£0.00	Fundraising held on behalf of Sgoil-araich
SnaG grant	£1,180.00	-£1,180.00	£0.00	Grant held on behalf of school from BnaG for Seachdain na Gàidhlig
	£15,438.58	**-£9,774.99**		
			£5,663.59	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT	**20 Sep 2026**			
BANK BALANCE brought forward 01 Jan 2026	**£14,184.74**			
add income	£15,438.58			
less expenditure	-£9,774.99			
BANK BALANCE at 20 Sep 2026	**£19,848.33**			
Pending Income balances 20 Sep 2026				
Sumup	£820.40	Uniform sale (93.50) + Poster income (rest)		
Stripe	£0.00			
Paypal	£0.00			
Pending Payout (Debtors)	**£820.40**			
Gross Assets	**£20,668.73**			
Ring Fenced Funds				
Winter Small Sums Scheme 2023	**£3,770.38**	Small Sums awards from Winter 2023		
Spring Small Sums Scheme 2025	**£53.94**	Small Sums		

		awards from Spring 2025		
Small Sums Scheme 2025-2026 school year	**£1,553.93**	Earmarked to be responsive to eligible Small Sums projects <£250		
Inclusion Fund 2025	**£645.00**	To be updated as drawn down by school		
Gaelic cafe	**£347.35**	Card payments taken on behalf of school		
Funds for Gaelic cultural workshops	**£300.00**	To be updated as drawn down by school		
Ring Fenced Funds (Liabilities)	**£6,670.60**			
Estimated PC Uncommitted Funds (Net Assets)	**£13,998.13**			

The total for the Gaelic Learning Posters will be finalised at the next meeting, as money is still coming through.

6)Dèiticheanan nan Coinneamhan ri Thighinn - Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on the **9th November at 19.00**.