



The Strathearn &
Penryhn Parents
Association



Spring 2020

NEWSLETTER

Welcome

Welcome to our spring 2020 newsletter. 2019/2020 has been a busy year for both the Penryhn and Strathearn Parents Association (PA). In our short newsletter we want to look back at the year just past, look forward to all the exciting things we have planned, give you a brief update on who we are, what we do, and not least, how much funds have been raised and 2020/21 spending plans.

Penryhn Movie Night



Our first Penryhn Movie night will be held on Friday the 6th of March in the Manning hall at Strathearn (not Penryhn). Tickets will be £6 per child. Siblings of school age are welcome and all children can come in their pyjamas and bring their favourite blanket, cushion or beanbag. The movie will be confirmed following half term and the tickets will go on sale then too.

Children should arrive at 5.45pm for a 6pm start. P1 and P2 children should be accompanied by one adult. Look out for more information soon.

About Us

Who are the Parents Association and what do we do?

The Strathearn Parents Association is made up of the Penryhn and the Strathearn teams, each focusing on raising funds and organising events for its own respective school and girls. Collaboration, however, is very important to our success and both teams work very closely together as one association, with one constitution, one overall committee - raising funds together for the benefit of both schools.

Throughout the year, there are committee meetings to discuss the more formal activities and joint events, and individual team meetings for specific fundraising events. For new parents to the school, it can be a great way to get involved and also to meet other parents.

Our purpose is to support the schools, through fundraising events and activities which enhance the girls overall experience.

So, who are we?

Strathearn Chair	Zoe Wilcox	07533865778
Strathearn Deputy Chair	Sarah Eakin	
Penryhn Chair	Claire Ritchie	07712489389
Penryhn Deputy Chair	Vacancy	
Secretary	Vacancy	
Treasurer	Katrin Hazel	
Safeguarding Officer (Strathearn)	Kathy Campbell	
Safeguarding Officer (Penryhn)	Vacancy	

The Strathearn Team

Key Stage 3	Sarah Eakin, Maxine Bowen, Arlene McCloskey, Kathy Campbell, Nicola McGowan
Key Stage 4	Nicola Bowman, Joanne Neale, Isabella Cecil
Key Stage 5	Heather Adair

The Penryhn Committee

P1 rep	Rosanne Greaves
P2 reps	Natalie McCoubrey & Michael Burns
P3 rep	Katrina Hazel
P4 reps	Nicola Thompson & Lynsey Bennett
P5 reps	Olivia Danielli & Carol Bell
P6 rep	Katherine Blair
P7 rep	Victoria Carter



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Looking Back

Looking back over 2018/2019, what have we been up to?

At Penrhyn the team and all the volunteers ran a very successful summer fete at the end of 2018/19, end of term discos have been enjoyed by all the girls, used uniform sales have generated lots of funds as well as tea towels being sold with the girls own drawings of themselves printed on them. At Strathearn, the discos continue to be popular and a good fund raiser. The 90th anniversary celebration Gala Ball at the end of November was a night to remember and thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate in style!

**A whopping
£10,000
was raised!**

A huge thank you for all your support.

And what have we raised?

We are delighted to say that our finances are very healthy at present, reporting a record bank balance of £18,570 (at the end of December). In fact, 2019-2020 school year is shaping up to be the highest year of fund raising for over six years.

Strathearn Parents Association Funds Raised

School Year	£
2019 to date	13,812
2018-19	5,804
2017-18	6,449
2016-17	8,383
2015-16	11,341
2014-15	7,690

New Treasurer

Katrina Hazel ACMA has just recently taken over as treasurer from Nicola Thompson - we would like to welcome Katrina to the committee and also thank Nicola for her support and hard work over the recent years. Katrina has set herself the first task of auditing the Cash Book. We look forward to transferring over the funds raised at the end of the 2019/2020 School Year in June 2020. If you would like to receive further information, please contact either Claire (Penryhn Chair) or Zoë (Strathearn Chair).

Our Spending Plans

Strathearn and Penrhyn school have a revised and soon to be published ICT Strategy. The PA committee has consulted with Mrs Connery and Mrs Mawhinney and it has been agreed that the PA funds will contribute towards the implementation of this exciting and important ICT strategy, in particular, with the upgrade of software and hardware in both schools.

As part of the constitutional review in January, an amendment has been made to how the PA funds are split across both schools. In order to better reflect what is raised by parents of each school, 30% will now be held in a common pot to be spent in agreement across both schools and the remaining balance will be split between the schools, according to how much each has raised over that year.

Immediate Focus

We have a few vacant posts on each committee to fill – if you are interested and would like to know more, please contact either Chairperson and we would be delighted to talk with you.

We are continuing to update our constitution to ensure that it better reflects how the Strathearn and Penryhn PA works in 2020.

We continue to focus on fund-raising activities for the remainder of the school year.



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We have a lot of fun activities planned for 2020. A few highlights are the parents' quiz night in June – we've had several in the past and they've always been great fun and a good fund raiser.

In September, we are planning to launch a new afternoon event for mums and daughters called the Best of You.

There will be keynote speakers and workshops on beauty, health and nutrition, and lots of wonderful gifts to pick up! Look out for more information soon.

And after such a successful ball in November 2019, we are planning to hold a Christmas Ball this winter. Date tbc.

How to Get Involved

We could not run these events or raise such fantastic amounts without all of you.

A huge big thank you for all your support.

I hope you will agree that the girls really benefit from all the activities we put on. We can't do it without committee members. If you would like to learn more about any of the vacant committee positions or how to be involved, please get in touch with either of the chairs or anyone on the committee.

Finally, if you have any ideas for any fund raising activities please do let us know.

Dates For Your Diary

	Penryhn	Strathearn
February	28th P7-Y9 Disco at Stormont Hotel	
March	6th Movie Night	
	w/c 30th Used Uniform Sale	
April		
May	15th Summer Fete	Disco
June	12th Parents Quiz Night at CI	
	End of Term Disco	
September		27th Mums & Daughters Best of You Event
	AGM	
October	Used Uniform Sale Halloween Disco	Disco
December	Parents Christmas Ball	
December	Christmas Disco	

We look forward to lots more fun and laughter with you in 2020

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