



Firrhill News

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Parent Teacher Association Funding

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) works to fundraise for the school in order to benefit as many pupils as possible. The main PTA activities are: the quiz night, the Christmas market, the Christmas concert raffle, the pop-up thrift shop (selling badged uniformed items) and the provision of refreshments at school events. The PTA would appreciate new helpers and new fundraising ideas.

New members are needed! Please come to the next PTA meeting, held on 14 May at 7.00 - 9.00 pm in the school library.

Here are a few examples of the way money raised by the PTA has been spent.

The Newspaper Committee



The PTA has continuously and generously supported the S6 Firrhill newspaper committee, who write "A View to a Hill". "As print costs have risen, we have relied more and more on support from the PTA, supplemented by young people actively sourcing adverts. This allows us to produce "A View to a Hill", targeted at pupils from S1-6, and to allow pupils in school to express themselves creatively, as well as giving them a voice in the community", said Mr Hollis, Pupil Support Leader.

Linguascope

The Modern Languages Faculty has received funding from the PTA to subscribe to a fantastic language-learning website – www.linguascope.com. Linguascope contains a wide range of interactive activities and resources in several languages, including French, German and English, for all levels and abilities. The site promotes Active Learning through interactive tasks where pupils develop their language skills and consolidate what they are learning in class. It is a valuable differentiation tool as pupils can work at their own pace and has good scope for personalisation and choice. Pupils can choose games/activities they enjoy. The attractive and colourful graphics make it enjoyable to use, and pupil feedback so far has been very positive!



As well as being able to use Linguascope as part of their e-learning in class, pupils and parents can access the site from home. It is an excellent way for parents and carers to support their child in their learning, and they may also enjoy brushing up on some of their own language skills!

Linguascope login details and passwords are available from Modern Languages teachers. Happy language learning!

Picnic Table

The Environment Group, received PTA funding for a new picnic table. "It's great for the pupils to enjoy sitting outside", says Mrs Hargest, Environment Group leader.



There are now four picnic tables (two were funded by the Parent Council and another was funded by the PTA last year). This is enough seating to form an outdoor classroom – roll on the summer!