



Penicuik High School Parents' Association Newsletter October 2008

Dear Parent/Carer,

This newsletter is intended to give you an update on Parents' Association activities over the past year, and to encourage you to become involved with us.

AGM on Monday 13th October at 7pm in room 18, Penicuik High School. Wine/soft drinks and nibbles will be served. All welcome. The AGM will be immediately followed by the next in the popular series of "Meet the Management", a chance for you to address questions directly to Mr Edie and the management team.

This past year saw us properly instituted as the new "Parent Council" for PHS. We offer our thanks again to those who took the time to vote in support of the new constitution. The new arrangement enables us to benefit from a blanket insurance policy taken out by Midlothian Council.

During the year, we have been able to make substantial donations to school activities thanks to income from the 50/50 club. These have included contributions to leisure equipment for the new 5th and 6th year common rooms, financial support and assistance with school dances, financial support for the leavers' evening, contributions to charitable fund-raising efforts by the pupils, purchase of various items of electronic equipment, seed funding for the school's newly instituted Duke of Edinburgh scheme, a contribution towards the cost of prizes for the annual awards evening and an ongoing commitment to fund retrieval of students' Art folio work from the SQA. We'll be able to report our grand total for the year at the AGM.

With a view to building upon this record of financial support, we are now pleased to be able to offer the option of bypassing the 50/50 club and making regular donations direct to the PA. We hope that this may be attractive to parents/carers who prefer their full contribution to go directly to the support of school activities. You can find the relevant forms attached to this newsletter, or via the school website.

In addition to fund raising, we were pleased to be involved with the recent successful HMle follow-up inspection of the school, and were delighted by the positive outcome.

In other activities, one of our members was invited to participate in the development of the school's annual improvement plan, while others began the task of constructing a "Frequently Asked Questions" page for the PA section of the school website. If you'd like to suggest any suitable questions we'll try to make sure that the answers are added.

More generally, our usual sequence of meetings has continued as usual. You can find minutes on the school website

<http://www.penicuik.info>

or in the quiet room of the public library. You are very welcome to attend, just to listen, without fear of being lined up for any jobs you don't want - we already have nominees for all office-bearing positions for the coming year.

So, if you'd like to get involved with the PHSPA, please come along to our meetings, and/or get in touch with us. You can contact the Chair, Murray Cole, by e-mail to mic@inf.ed.ac.uk, by phone on 672400, or in writing via the school office. The more people get involved, the more we'll be able to achieve.

Murray Cole, Parents' Association Chair.

USE THIS FORM TO JOIN THE 50/50 CLUB

PENICUIK HIGH SCHOOL '50/50' CLUB

Standing Order

BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

To: The Manager

	(Your Bank)
	Branch
	Address
	Sort Code
	(Your Account No.)

Please pay on 1st _____ (month) _____ (year) and monthly thereafter the sum of £5* /£10* /£15* _____ (multiple of £5)

*delete as appropriate

To: Bank of Scotland, John Street, Penicuik

Sort Code

8	0	-	0	9	-	3	9
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

For the credit of:
Penicuik High School 50/50 Club – Account No. 00117840
until this order is cancelled by me in writing

Signed _____ Date ____ / ____ / 20____

NAME _____ (CAPITALS PLEASE)

ADDRESS _____

IMPORTANT Please return this form to R. Jamieson, Penicuik High School and **NOT TO THE BANK**.....Thank you