



# Penicuik High School Parents' Association Newsletter September 2010

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 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 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.**

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We are grateful to all who attend regularly, both staff and parents, and in particular to teachers who have given presentations to us this year, including Mr Edie on exam results, Mr Hayes on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and Mr Johnstone and Mr Havill on the literacy initiative. We were also pleased to welcome local resident Jim Young who will be using his business expertise and experience to strengthen school business links and related activities. We are delighted to offer congratulations to [our parent member](#) John McCrossan, whose efforts on behalf of school hockey at PHS and across Midlothian have been rewarded with a Midlothian Sports Award.

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**Retiral of Bill McRobb, Head Janitor. After 36 years of sterling service to Penicuik High School, Bill McRobb is about to retire. To mark our appreciation of his work, the PA will be making a presentation to Bill. Parents who would like to contribute should make donations in an envelope to the School Office, marked "For attention of Laura Christie, Parents Association", by Monday October 11th. Cash or cheques payable to "Penicuik High School Parents Association". No doubt many parents will remember Bill from their own days at the School!**

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Our sequence of meetings has continued as usual with regular reports from the Head Teacher and from other staff involved in various activities around the school. You can find minutes on the school website

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<http://www.penicuik.info>

Outside of our regular meetings, we have been involved with appointment panels for senior posts, and the process of the ongoing review of Midlothian secondary schools provision. Thanks to regular contributions of members, the 50-50 club has been able to donate several thousands of pounds in support of school activities. A grand total will be reported at the AGM. Major items which received funding contributions this year include: the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme; the leavers' evening; presentation boxes for the PHS Pride Medals (distributed to senior prize winners at the awards ceremony); prizes for The Big Day; kit for the rugby team; and the PA Community Involvement Prize for pupils. If you're not already a member of the 50-50, please give serious thought as to whether you could join, or make a regular donation. Forms and details are on the website, or ask any PA member.

As usual all parents and carers are very welcome to attend PHSPA meetings, whether to speak or just to listen, without fear of being lined up for a job!

If you'd like to get involved with the PHSPA, please come along to our meetings, and/or get in touch with us. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend, whether to speak or just to listen, without fear of being lined up for a job! You can contact the Chair, Murray Cole, by e-mail to [mic@inf.ed.ac.uk](mailto:mic@inf.ed.ac.uk), by phone on 672400, or in writing via the school office. The more people that get involved, the more we'll be able to achieve on behalf of the pupils.

Finally, thanks to all the other parents who make contributions in so many ways to support Penicuik High School - everyone can make a difference.

Murray Cole, Parents' Association Chair.

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