

Harmony Primary School

School Council Newsletter

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Using Our Pupil Voice

A few weeks ago as a school we got rejected to have a new crossing patrol. School Council took it upon themselves to contact our local representative via email. We sent electronic letters to Brian Kingston MLA, Alderman Frank McCoubrey and Councillor Nicola Verner. We heard back from Brian Kingston who is going to contact EA on our behalf.

See below our letter to Brian Kingston and his reply.



Tuesday 25th November 2025

Dear Mr Brian Kingston,

We regret to inform you that Harmony Primary School recently got rejected for the operation of a School Crossing Patrol. The Education Authority's reasoning for this was that we did not meet the requirements to have a School Crossing Patrol. As a School Council, we feel that this is **unjust, unfair and unsafe**. One of our school values is equality. We believe that we need to represent the pupils at Harmony to have an equal right to be safe when crossing the road.

We have detailed below our reasons to why we need a School Crossing Patrol.

- Forthriver Crescent is a busy road, especially at school pick up and drop off.
- Children could potentially run out onto the road and drivers do not see them due to the speed of their vehicle.
- School Council are concerned that members of our school will get hurt!
- Many P4-7 pupils walk home and need support of a Crossing Patrol to get home safely.
- School staff are currently helping pupils cross the road without training like that of a School Crossing Patrol.
- We would like peace of mind for parents and pupils to ensure a safe journey to and from school.

The Glencairn Community Project invited residents to take part in a questionnaire about traffic around the estate. Almost all respondents mentioned the need for traffic calming measures in and around the school. They asked for a one-way system during certain parts of the day. We feel that this adds strength to our cause.

We would be most grateful and appreciative if you could get back to us with some advice on how to rectify this situation.

Yours Sincerely,

Harmony Primary School Council

Phoebe
Theo
Kerben
Jack
Harry
Luha
Sophia
Evelyn
Piper
Jania

Hi Natalie

Thank you for your email. A number of parents have also been in touch and this matter will be raised again with EANI.

Best regards

Naomi

Naomi Spratt

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Brian Kingston MLA

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Christmas Fair

School Council had a stall at the Christmas Fair. Over the course of a few weeks we created signs, stocking treats for dogs, a spin to win game and made buns to sell. We made a grand total of £123 which will go to school fund.



Christmas PTA Video

School Council created a video to promote the Christmas Fair.



WATCH THIS SPACE FOR OUR SPRING TERM PLANS

Conducting a traffic survey to campaign for a cross patrol

Giving our views and feedback on homework.

Create a link with other School Councils in the area

Go to Corkey House to play board games.