

Parent Council Annual Report 2024/25

On behalf of the Parent Council, I would like to thank Mrs Hyslop and all the staff at Davenham Primary School for their tremendous efforts this year. I would also like to thank all the Parent Council representatives who have given their time and support over the last 12 months. The success of the Council is dependent on the combined efforts of both staff and parent volunteers. The Council met half termly at school, and the meetings were always well attended by the existing members. A body of representatives continues to exist, and parents/carers are encouraged to contact any representative, irrespective of their class or teacher.

It has been a hugely successful academic year here at Davenham with lots to celebrate. The children have enjoyed residentials, day trips and various themed days in school. Parent Council played a vital role in some very positive implementations which have, in turn produced some lovely feedback from parents.

After many years of parents and carers asking if more children can use backpacks, together with the parent council forum and the introduction of more lockers this finally came to fruition for the past academic year. Such a small change had such a positive impact on our children and the feedback received from this has been positive.

The bikeability roll out was a huge success, ensuring many years 5 and 6 pupils took part in a day's cycling proficiency course. Lots of positive feedback was received from parents and members of the public who acknowledged how wonderful it was to see the children out and about on their bikes and how well-mannered the children were.

Sporting events and after school clubs have increased both in the variety of clubs held and frequency. A huge thank you to Mr Roberts for his commitment and passion, as last year saw an uplift in interschool tournaments and matches in many different sports. School invested for a fourth year running in a 'pop up' swimming pool which was constructed on the playground. The pop-up pool was met with huge positivity from all involved.

At the end of July, the year 6 parents and carers took part in an inflatable fun run, which was an idea discussed in a parent council meeting. This was a great event, which saw over 22 runners dressed as giant babies, aliens, zebras and many more brilliant costumes. The year 6 pupils got to share this event together and were able to create some very special memories during their last week of school.

Finally, I would personally like to say a huge thank you to Joanne and everybody that has made parent council an absolute joy for the past 7 years. I joined the council as a member in 2018 when Chester started at Davenham, taking over my role as chair in 2020. This coming year sees my youngest Rex move into year 6 and so naturally my time on the parent council and here at Davenham will come to an end. I've met some truly lovely people here at Davenham, many of which will be friends for life, and I'm certain parent council will continue to encourage, support and share all that make Davenham such a special place.

Kerry Parry.

Chair, Parent Council.

