**LOTTERY FUNDRAISING**

At the last PC meeting we talked about launching a fundraising lottery through an external company, Your School Lottery. There was general support for the idea but it was later felt that we should provide further information to enable PC members make a fully informed decision on whether or not to proceed.

**Your School Lottery – how does it work?**

Your School Lottery is an ‘External Lottery Manager’ registered with the UK Government’s Gambling Commission. It hosts fundraising lotteries on behalf of many schools / Parent Councils / PTAs around the UK (locally these include Leith, Broughton and Towerbank primary schools).

Participation is not limited to Parent Council members – extended family, friends and the wider community can join in. Supporters can participate from £1 per week via the Your School Lottery website: [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk).

From each £1 raised:

* 40p is paid to the Parent Council
* 36p is used by the company for the prize funds
* 24p is used by the company to cover their admin costs

So, for example, a lottery with 50 members would raise over £1000 for the school in a year.

Draws take place every Saturday and winners are notified and paid automatically by Your School Lottery. There are two types of prize draw every week:

* A local draw for a guaranteed cash prize for one of our supporters.
* A separate national draw for £25,000 open to all players around the country.

Lottery proceeds are held by Your School Lottery in a secure account and paid to the Parent Council’s designated bank account every two months.

**What would Parent Council have to do?**

There would be little effort, no additional cost and no risk to Parent Council.

Parent Council must have a Lottery License from City of Edinburgh Council - we already have this in order to run raffles. We must submit information about all lottery draws to the local authority within 3 months. Your School Lottery will pre-complete the lottery returns and send these to us every 2 months for validation and submission to City of Edinburgh Council.

We would need to publicise the lottery and let people know how they can take part if they wish. Your School Lottery provides a range of marketing materials and are keen

to make these available in Gaelic.