

September 2016 Parent Council AGM

Sustainable Development Education Report / Wider Achievement

A reminder that the Eco Group collects and sells unwanted blazers and revision books. If your child is changing stage and needs a blazer or revision books or has some to hand in, please make enquiries/hand in donations to the office or the Support for Learning Base.

Grow Wild Youth Projects – The Green Growers Shiell St project has been chosen as a showcase project. It is soon to be listed on their site.

<https://www.growwilduk.com/content/youth-showcase>

The Queen St Mythical Meadow project is developing. We have a group of pupils working on printing the finished artwork. There is still a bit to do in to get them ready for display in the garden but hopefully this will come together in the next month.

Queen St did however come in for positive praise over the holiday. **The Its Your Neighbourhood** judge met around 10 of the pupils involved in the project before term ended. He was impressed with them and the garden. We were then awarded our first **Outstanding** for the project. The garden got a Silver certificate in the DCC Community Garden section which is a level up on the last visit. There is an update on Queen St on the Greenspace Scotland Network News September ebulletin.

<http://us10.campaign-archive2.com/?u=4ca480c2cfc0285b27e56761d&id=cca584f46e&e=111f1d2ea2>

School Garden Competition - Grove was awarded best overall in Dundee and a Gold certificate in the Schools' gardens competition. The judges were impressed with the orchard area and the way it had been used for outdoor learning. The work of the IDL group linked to the greenhouse was also commented on favourably as was the school link to Waverley Sheltered Housing Complex.

Scarecrow Event – The community links forged in the first scarecrow event in Broughty Ferry have been very positive. The groups that made scarecrows this year are keen to take part again next year. We hope that we will be able to launch the event earlier next year and work with the Traders Association to make the event bigger and better. Lorraine Kelly sent in her own personal message of praise for the project so we take it that she liked the scarecrow she inspired!

Work at the **YMCA** was showcased over the summer by Tesco who fund the Bags of Money event used to fund the project. Unfortunately, it was during the holiday so it was the work and adult supporters rather than the pupils that made the photo shoot. Grove's involvement however was mentioned in the news report.

Meru Beads – Robyn Archibald, Anna Bennett and Tabitha Kobine (S4) attended the St Stephen's Coffee Morning on 10/09/16 and raised approximately £30. This money will be sent to Kenya to support the education of boys who need financial support to keep attending secondary school.

Cyclathon – a great turn out on Sunday. Approximately 25 pupils cycled the 26 mile route to raise money for Marie Curie. They were all marvellous and their dedication is appreciated by us all. It is too early to say how much money they raised but all donations are welcome and can be handed into the school.

Upcoming Events

Big Beach Clean – Thursday 15th September. Pupils from many year groups have signed up to help with this year's Marine Conservation Society Big Beach Clean. Hopefully good weather will prevail.

Doors Open Day Fairtrade Café – Saturday 17th September

Pupils are opening a Fairtrade café from 11-1pm during the Open Doors Day event. So if you are wanting some Fairtrade home cooking baked by pupils and staff, time your visit to Grove then to see the display of events from the last 125 years from school archives.

Rag Bag – we are having a non-House Point rag bag collection for Shelter in the Ferry. All bags can be left at the school office. The last money raised was used to support the new planting projects in the school grounds and the Waverley Sheltered Housing project. Final collection date will be the first week back after the October holidays to give people plenty of time for a late summer clear out.