

November 2016 Parent Council

Sustainable Development Education Report / Wider Achievement

Grow Wild Youth Projects

Shiell St- The Green Growers Teamed up with 2 groups over the last few weeks to plant a range of bulbs. The Nature Nutters helped plant 1000 crocus bulbs donated by Rotary International. The crocus is the symbol for their irradiation of polio campaign. The New Beginnings Nursery children helped plant snowdrops and narcissi and enjoyed getting their hands dirty. Hopefully there will be a blaze of colour come the spring.

Please use link below if you want to follow the Green Growers on Twitter.

<https://twitter.com/shiellstgarden>

Queen St – Matthew Ahrens (S5), attended the Its Your Neighbourhood Award Ceremony and returned with our first Outstanding certificate. He also picked up a surprise award, a Certificate of Distinction. This is awarded to It's Your Neighbourhood Groups that have consistently grown and improved their performance over the years.

A photo of the award can be seen on the Facebook

www.facebook.com/QueenStreetGarden/

Non Uniform Day - A non-uniform day organised by members of the S6 captaincy team was a great success and raised £1100 for the RNLI's successful bid for the Oor Lifesaver, Oor Wullie.

The S2 Personal Development Group planted up the pots at the front of the school with pansies in time for Remembrance Day.

Ibike – Laura Smith, Sustrans, has replaced Calum Hay as our new ibike officer. She hopes to get some cycle skills sessions for S1/2 off the ground between now and Christmas.

The Big Beach Clean was a big success. Over 20 volunteers from a range of year groups cleaned the 2 beaches on either side of the Lifeboat Shelter.

The Door Open Day Fairtrade Café provided Fairtrade tea, coffee and cakes. The money raised allowed the S3 Personal Development Group to attend a **Fairtrade seminar** for school in Edinburgh. The group found out a lot of interesting information on Fairtrade cotton, chocolate, tea and footballs. We hope that there will be a growing awareness within the wider Grove Community about the benefits buying Fairtrade brings to our most vulnerable workers and producers.

Shoe Box Appeal 2016 – The pupils and staff again demonstrated what a generous bunch they are by donating an incredible 247 shoe boxes to Blythwood Cares Shoe Box Appeal.

Dementia Friends – The S3 Personal Development Group have become Dementia Friends which is about learning more about dementia and small ways you can help. The group will now build on their knowledge by working with residents at Moyness Care Home.

Upcoming Events

Lord Provost Cyclathon Reception is on the 9th November. The group raised over £1200 for Marie Curie.

Christmas Hamper Appeal – is to launch on Monday 14th November 2016. Staff and pupils will be asked to donate food items to make up food hampers for local elderly residents. This year we are also supporting Dundee Foodbank. Hampers will be delivered to the residents and the foodbank in December.

Christmas Card Competition- Pupils are being encouraged to create a Christmas card which will be included in each hamper and sent on behalf of staff and pupils of Grove Academy. Entries should be submitted to Alison McGinnes by Wednesday 7th December.

Christmas Quiz – Senior pupils have organised a pub quiz at The Fort on Thursday 17th November to support this year's appeal. Teams consist of 4 or 5 people and will be charged £5 ahead. Senior pupils, staff and parents are welcome to test their grey matter.

Christmas Fayre – 3rd December 10:30-2.00pm. £1 admission

The planning of Grove's annual Christmas Fayre is well underway. There will be stalls by a number of in school groups along with 27 outside vendors. Come along at it's sure to be fun for all the family.

Any donations for our chocolate tombola or raffle would be gratefully received. If anyone is feeling generous please hand any donations into school office for attention of Pupil Support Department.