

# Dragons Come to Dunbar Grammar School!

Dunbar Grammar School held its very own Dragon's Den competition at the Grammar school on Thursday 25th March 2010. A panel of five Dragons, representing Community Windpower Ltd, British Energy, Lafarge, Sustaining Dunbar and Dunbar Grammar School received presentations from five house groups pitching for the £12,500 prize money which would enable them to deliver their community project.

The competition was sponsored by BeGreen Dunbar & District a community energy efficiency advice project which is based in the West Port in Dunbar. BeGreen which is funded by Community Windpower Ltd has set the school the challenge of developing a project that would help encourage the Dunbar and East Linton ward to reduce its carbon foot print.

The results concluded a win for Lauderdale with a spend of £5,000 to distribute their energy saving starter pack to all families with school children in Dunbar and the surrounding area. The remaining £7,500 was awarded to Cromwell and Castle to combine their idea of a school/community allotment. This will give students and the community a place to grow local foods, sell egg and cook in school with their own ingredients.

***"It has been run in a very professional way and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I thought the standard of the pitches was excellent and the students demonstrated a clear enthusiasm for the projects they presented"***

**Nigel Blair – Manager Lafarge, Dunbar**

Since September 2010, the student's have been putting their vision of a Community Allotment Garden into practice.

They have already purchased an irrigated poly tunnel, security fence, raised beds and soil with the money given. However, they are running out and have so much space in the garden still to use. Just this week (Oct 27<sup>th</sup>), the eco-team have applied for a grant to put towards a school orchard hosting 4 apple varieties, 2 pear, 2 plum and 2 cherry.

Within the school a variety of teachers and students from the following areas will be involved: Eco-club, School teachers, Inclusion support, Duke of Edinburgh, Rural Skills group and various departments e.g. Geography and Biology.

See Mrs Muir or Ms Knox for more information.