



1. Fund Raising & Social Events Sub Group	Excellent	High	Satisfactory	Limited	Very Low
Achievements					
School Calendar 2012-13 raised £1,725 going towards costs of replacement Trim Trail, John Muir Campus	✓				
Ceilidh: social gathering, not for fund raising. Did not take place this school year but will be organised for next session.					
Christmas Cards 2012 raised £1,189. Covered cost of the P3 Artist in Residence, Ross Combe, with remainder (plus £510 left over from previous year's card sales) will go towards 2 Artists in Residence in the next session	✓				
Ladies Night 2012 raised £2,688 going towards costs of replacement Trim Trail, John Muir Campus	✓				
Toy Sale 2012 raised £290 and has been spent on new outdoor play equipment for Harbour and Seashore Nursery Rooms: a caterpillar and pirate ship (which was faulty & will be replaced)	✓				
School Fair 2013 raised £3,480: Pupil's stalls profits generated £85 per year group for pupils and teachers to spend on items they agree they need. Remainder to cover costs of P1 Book Bags, P7 class photo memento T-shirts, stilts and space hoppers for John Muir Campus and if possible brass instruments (school will pay 50%).	✓				
School Lottery 2012-13 had a poor initial uptake but by June had raised £696. It will be relaunched 2013-2014. The objective is to get the majority of parent to join for just £12 a year and so raise sufficient funds to subsidise school trip transport costs, initially Christmas events.				✓	
Comments					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parent Council and School really appreciate the hard work and effort that goes into organising all of the varied fundraisers and are very grateful to the parent fundraisers and to the parents, families, friends and local businesses for their generosity in supporting these fundraisers. School Calendar, Ladies Night & School Fair 2012 funds (£1,238) will contribute £6,152 towards the costs of replacing the Trim Trail in the John Muir Campus. Designs & total cost are currently being discussed & a contract will be awarded before Dec 2013. Projected total costs will be £10,000+ & matching funding will be secured by the Treasurer. Christmas Cards funded the first Artist in Residence (AIR) for P3 (Ross Combe) who spent 25 hours working with all P3s in school in May and June. From 2013-14, the Parent Council will fund 2 Artists in Residence annually for all P3 and P6 pupils. 					

2. School Grounds Sub Group	Excellent	High	Satisfactory	Limited	Very Low
Achievements					
Gardening Club – 28 P1-3 Class Gardening Reps recruited to weed and maintain the John Muir Campus the P1-3 raised beds in the central garden.		✓			
"Stop, Hop & Drop" Campaign in the John Muir Campus – to encourage pupils to get off their bikes, scooters and ripsticks at the school gates with the aim to reduce the risk of accidents.		✓			
Comments					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The work of the Class Gardening Reps has ensured that every P1-P3 class has had a weed-free raised bed to plant up and these parents will water their crops over the summer – thank you! Longer term plans include community chicken coop and polytunnel. 					

3. Delivering the Curriculum Sub Group	Excellent	High	Satisfactory	Limited	Very Low
Achievements					
Parents come into the school on a daily basis to help with numerous essential learning activities within the school, such as reading support, as well as supporting school trips.	✓				
The school and the Parent Council are planning a major numeracy whole school & cross-community initiative "Dunbar Counts Together" for 2013-2014					
Comments					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This numeracy initiative will be based upon best practice learned from Readathon and Dunbar Reads Together and will focus on providing lots of opportunities for interactive, practical and fun applications of numerical skills in school and at home, hopefully working with lots of local businesses and community groups. 					



4. Health Living Sub Group	Excellent	High	Satisfactory	Limited	Very Low
Achievements					
Daily Healthy Snack Trolley – volunteer grandparent and parent helpers co-ordinate orders, deliveries and food preparation to deliver healthy snacks to pupils across both campuses daily. Profits purchased a new snack trolley and a mobile kitchen donated to the pupils.	✓				
Termly Bug Busting Weekends – 6 have been undertaken to ensure that as many parents as possible checked their children's hair at the same time to try and reduce the number of families affected.			✓		
Bikeability, the Big Pedal and Dr. Bike are the main cycling initiatives undertaken within school, supported by Sustaining Dunbar and Belhaven Bikes		✓			
Twenty's Plenty – 20mph speed limits on residential roads within the new houses to be trialled during 2013-14.					
Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Big Pedal: Dunbar PS came 6th in UK AND won the large primary school category in Scotland! Dunbar Grammar School also won the secondary school category and was 3rd in UK. Bikeability: Teachers & trained parents provide pupils with cycle training during school time. Currently provided for P6 pupils but may be extended to P4-5 pupils if more parents are recruited and given free training. Twenty's Plenty campaign is supported by the Parent Council as so many of our children walk, scooter, rip stick and cycle to and from school and we wish to minimise the risks of collisions with cars. 					

5. Keeping Parents Informed Sub Group	Excellent	High	Satisfactory	Limited	Very Low
Achievements					
Parent Forum Newsletter: the aim was to produce one per term but this wasn't achieved					✓
9 x Parent to Parent Guides (Nursery – P7): These are being produced and hopefully will be ready for the new session. They will be available for download from the Parent Council website					✓
Communication Questionnaire (May 2012): identified what the Parent Council were doing well in terms of how we communicated with parents and what we could do better i.e. whether to use Group Call or not?			✓		
Comments <p>Although volunteer parents were very busy delivering numerous different initiatives and events, they managed to keep records for each and these were reported at the monthly Parent Council meetings. However the 3 parents on the Parent Council Committee didn't manage to produce termly newsletters but parents were kept informed via regular emails.</p>					

6. Literacy Sub Group	Excellent	High	Satisfactory	Limited	Very Low
Achievements					
Library Volunteer Team: Parents run the libraries in campuses, ordering and processing all the books and managing the lending systems as well as managing the equipment within the two libraries.	✓				
Birthday Books: Organised by 2 parents and parents are encouraged to buy Birthday Books that are kept in the libraries or in the child's classroom.		✓			
Annual Readathon March 2012: raised £9,235 with 51% pupil participation	✓				
Supporting Dunbar Reads Together: This school initiative has been a great success and has engaged pupils, parents and the wider Dunbar Community and the Parent Council has contributed funds towards the lanyards, bangles, badges and celebration party in June.		✓			
Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library Team's rota of volunteers ensures that Librarian parents are in the library when classes come to use the library during school hours. Full training is provided to every new volunteer. Sincere thanks to Lorraine McLuckie and Rhonda Elliott who are stepping down and being replaced by Eden Blair and Mel Mitchell. Readathon is THE most successful fundraiser undertaken by parents and the funds raised spent on to purchasing books for both campuses. All the furnishings and books for the Lochend Campus library when it opened in August 2011 came from the £1,022 raised by Readathon 2011. 					



7. Science, Maths, Technology & ICT Sub Group	Excellent	High	Satisfactory	Limited	Very Low
Achievements					
Saturday Science Club: The workshop programme expanded from monthly to delivering 3 workshops every fortnight. 88 different children attended these workshops, with many attending every workshop.		✓			
Dunbar SciFest 2013: 47 event providers provided 89 different events and over the weekend, 284 parent volunteers ensured that the event ran smoothly, attracting over 3,500 visitors, in addition to the 3,000 pupils and teachers that attended the preceding 5 day Education Programme.	✓				
Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Club funding for 2013-14 will be provided by Community Windpower Ltd and funding from Rotary ensures free workshop places can be offered to disadvantaged children. Dunbar SciFest 2013 was awarded 'Outstanding Contribution to National Science & Engineering Week 2013' by British Science Association. Dunbar SciFest was shortlisted to the final three in Creative Scotland's Creative Places Awards, along with other East Lothian festivals: Lammermuir Music Festival, Lennoxlove Book Festival & the Fringe by the Sea. Long term objective of the Science Club is to furnish and equip a science lab built within the Lochend Campus extension that will be made available to all schools in the Dunbar Cluster area. 					

8. Visual & Performing Arts Sub Group	Excellent	High	Satisfactory	Limited	Very Low
Achievements					
Artist in Residence (AIR) for all P3 pupils, May & June 2013: Ross Combe was employed by the Parent Council and delivered creative activities inspired by John Muir and the natural world.	✓				
The 'Friends of John Muir's Birthplace' funded sketchbooks for the Art Club to record their own 'Story of Childhood and Youth' growing up in Dunbar.					
Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ross Combe intends to develop a wider John Muir resource for the school as his AIR legacy. Ross intends to collate all of this work to create a local exhibition in the autumn, dates and venue TBC 2 Artists in Residence have been identified to be employed by the Parent Council to work all P3 and P6 pupils in the next session. Funding permitting, 2 AIRs will be employed at the same time every year. Teachers will also be given training to help them deliver art more effectively in the class room. Creative Club (for 2013-2014): An after school Art/Creative Club will be run e.g. on Tuesdays, for 1-1.5 hours in the Lochend Campus Art Room, once a week for 4 week blocks. Pupils will work with an Artist who's a specialist in a particular medium e.g. printing, portraiture, sculpture, textiles, pottery, photography, computer animation etc. Ideally four blocks would be offered each school year in e.g. September, November, January and May. This artist will also provide CPD for teachers. 					

9. Nursery Sub Group	Excellent	High	Satisfactory	Limited	Very Low
Achievements					
Toy Sale 2012 raised £290 and has been spent on new outdoor play equipment for Harbour and Seashore Nursery Rooms: a caterpillar and pirate ship (which was faulty & will be replaced)	✓				
Gardening Team have been maintaining the Nursery raised beds for the children to use.	✓				
Comments					



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Achievements					
Parent Council Class Representatives 50 volunteer parents acting as Class Representatives for the 38 classes on the Parent Council. We aim to have 2 Reps for every class so with 76 Rep places, we're delighted to have achieved 66% uptake.	✓				
Supporting statements for our Scottish Education Award nomination					
Darrin Nightingale, ELC Head of Education "Dunbar PS Parent Council are fantastic partners to the school getting involved in numerous initiatives, events and programmes all with the objective of enriching the pupils learning journey. Examples include Readathon, Dunbar SciFest, Dunbar Science Club and the Gardening Club and these could not happen without the commitment of a very diverse, talented and valued group."					
Karen Haspolat, ELC Quality Improvement Officer. "This Parent Council is very supportive and has a real focus on the young people and their learning. There have been a number of initiatives led by the Parent Council which has transformed parental involvement in the school. One of the early developments was a Readathon to raise money to buy books for the school library. This initiative supported the focus the school has on raising attainment in reading. The annual Dunbar SciFest has been entirely led by the Parent Council and is fast becoming an annual attraction for visitors from further afield than just the local community. This two day event involves the local community and partners from across Scotland to enthuse and engage young people in science. The Parent Council has also been crucial in supporting the 'Dunbar Reads Together' development which has engaged the whole community in supporting young people to read. Through this inclusive, community approach, Dunbar Primary Parent Council has managed to reach and involve a wide range of parents. This has enabled the school to 'recruit' more parents to support learning in the school itself and has led to a very supportive team of parents and volunteers who are timetabled to support learners across the school."					
Don Ledingham, ELC Executive Director "Dunbar PS Parent Council is a shining example of a supportive body. It is constantly encouraging and assisting with initiatives within and without the school, all with the aim of encouraging pupils' achievements."					
Iain Gray MSP & Fiona O'Donnell MP "The Parent Council are very proactive ensuring that the children's experience of school is further enhanced by out of school activities such as the remarkable science festival which has attracted wide spread recognition."					
A detailed annual report on the Dunbar PS Parent Council is available on the Dunbar Primary Parents website: http://dunbarprimaryparents.org.uk/files/2013/05/Dunbar-PS-Parent-Council-Overview-Report-for-Scottish-Education-Awards-2013.pdf					
					

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