

SUB GROUPS MEETING (7.00 – 7.30) REPORTING BACK

A reminder was given that Class Reps do not need to be part of a Sub-Group and that Sub Groups welcome parents and Grandparents who are not Class Reps.

Keeping Parents Informed (Communications)

Anyone interested in being part of this group please let Dee know asap.

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Delivering the Curriculum

Lucy McCloughlan and Aileen Kelly were keen to be part of this group and Helen G confirmed that it would be possible to meet after school or at 7.00pm (part of the sub-group discussion time) in order to ensure that essential input from teachers is obtained.

*Lucy
Aileen
Helen G*

School Grounds

More volunteers are required to help run the gardening club at John Muir Campus. Gardening volunteers are not restricted to parents – anyone from Dunbar with an interest in gardening to contact Dee. Nursery parents asked if bulbs could be purchased from the Gardening Account for the nursery.

Dee/All

Fundraising and Events

Ladies Night to be held at on Thursday 29 November (Helen G to check if Lochend Campus available) and Parent Council to book let (Propose to hold Auction in the Gym Hall after the Stalls Sale in the Dining Hall). Lindsey Barley agreed to assist with the Auction.

Helen G

- **Civic Week:** New parents are getting involved to ensure this Community event becomes more family friendly, better reflecting the change on Dunbar's population. Discussions are taking place about changing the dates and order of events and that Civic Week may culminate with the School Fair on the second Saturday or Sunday but that dates need to be checked to ensure clashes are avoided as it was noted that West Barns Gala is on the first weekend in June. (Any feedback to Dee).
- **Water Bottles** It was stated that it may be better for the parents to purchase these for the P1 pupils as the water bottles purchased by the Parent Council were of disappointing quality and were hard to label. However, they were a perfect size for lunch boxes. Helen will check unit cost so that decision can be made to offer the remainder for sale.
- **Christmas Cards:** Sarah D stated that artwork production has started and the P1's will be using the stick method. An open morning will be offered to parents to come and view final artwork. The nursery will take the final artwork home for approval.
- **School Calendar:** Morag Haddow would like anyone who would like to place an advert (£50) to let her know asap and she requires all the critical calendar dates by the end of the month.
- **Book Bags:** It was agreed that there will be a pre-ordering service for these and any profit to go to 'Dunbar Reads Together'. Dee to organise forms.
- **Lottery:** Deborah C relayed how this would work, stating it would be very flexible and there need be no limit to the amount of people wishing to take part. This will be rolled out asap and funds raised would be split (50% to fundraising and 50% for

All

Helen G

Sarah D

Dee

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Dee,*

	<p>prizes). A huge thanks was given to Deborah and her husband, Lee, for all their hard work with this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery Toy Sale There will be a nursery Christmas toy sale. It was proposed to combine this with a uniform/gym kit stall. Parents would bring all items in before Ladies Night on 29th November & the sales stalls would be on Friday 30th November. • Christmas Hampers: This previous fundraiser was discussed. If it's to take place again, volunteers will be required – one hamper per year stage. (Dee to contact Sarah Fletcher who coordinated this previously) <p><u>Healthy Living</u></p> <p>Thanks given to Janet MW for her work with the 'Bug Busting' initiative which will happen on a regular basis throughout the year. There was a suggestion that a reminder given to parents/carers before the start of term.</p> <p><u>Literacy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindsey Barely gave an update on Dunbar Reads Together, (DRT). She said how delighted and overwhelmed she felt with the positive response from the school and particularly, the community. She thanked the Parent Forum for their positive support. Many of the jobs have been delegated to other staff members and parents. There is the opportunity to apply for grant monies through Sustaining Dunbar and the P4 teachers are looking into that. Suzanne Burgess is approaching all businesses on the high street to offer books. She desperately needs more books to hand out and parents were asked for their old 'stock'. Emma Hexley is looking into obtaining disused shelving from the library. There are plans for a huge party to finish the year in June and Mrs Barley has contacted a bookseller based in Melrose for help. Dee is liaising with EDF. However any other contacts would be gratefully received, currently she is trying to contact the Proclaimers. Finally Mrs Barley asked reps to find out questions parents had about reading in the school. She is trying to provide a list of FAQs and answers but would like to know what the FAQs are! Not just what the teachers think they are! • <u>Science, Maths, Technology and ICT</u> The dates for SciFest are 16th and 17th March. There will be two Science Club sessions per month for the Science Club from October and the Rotary have given a donation to fund 100 Free School Meal places. Dee has requested that P3-P7 pupils select a Science celebrity to write a letter to, inviting them to attend Dunbar SciFest. • <u>Visual and Performing Arts</u> The 'Wee People' project was very successful, with a video clip on 'You Tube'. Discussions are on-going with regards to the artist in residence proposal - 2 artists per year, each working with a different year group, so that over a 4 year cycle every year group will be given the opportunity to work with artists – starting with P7. The V & P Arts group will be looking at different artists proposals. This will be funded by the Christmas Card funds. 	<p><i>Audrey & Emma</i></p> <p><i>All</i></p> <p><i>Dee</i></p> <p><i>Janet M</i></p> <p><i>Lindsey Emma H</i></p>
2.	<p><u>HEAD TEACHERS REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parent Council agreed unanimously to go with the Edinburgh session dates. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum for Excellence briefing – link will go on school website • Parents Evenings will be held from 4-7pm on both nights: 12 & 13 November at Lochend Campus and 14 & 15 November at John Muir Campus. (The days will alternate in March) • New scooter racks will be made by Iby Robertson (Janitor) in the October break for the nursery and new smaller bike stands will be purchased. 	
	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The North Light Summer Arts Project’s Beach Hut has been donated to the school and will be located on the site of the Lighthouse nursery, which is going to be removed. Date and time will be issued to request volunteers to help finish painting the lighthouses. • Parent to Parents Guides: Work is still on-going. • Music Fraser S requested that a sub-group for Music be created in which he would be involved. Information and request for volunteers will be put into the PC newsletter. Dee stated that information regarding the school’s selection process for opportunities to learn to play instruments would be included in the ‘Parent to Parent’ guides. There was also a suggestion that Dunbar Primary could be involved in the Dunbar Music Festival. • Fraser mentioned that the Healthy Snack Trolley is still struggling to get more volunteers. P7 pupils do assist with serving on specific days. Request for more volunteers to be included in the school newsletter. 	<p>Dee</p> <p>Dee</p> <p>Fraser</p> <p>Helen G</p>
	<p>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held at 7.30 at John Muir Campus Library on: <u>Monday 1 October 2012</u></p>	