

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 22 OCTOBER 2007

**REPORT ON: EDUCATION DEPARTMENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN
IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES: 2007-08**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

REPORT NO: 512-2007

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report brings to the attention of the Education Committee the progress made with the improvement objectives set out by the Education Department for 2006-07, and summarises new improvement objectives in place for this session, 2007-08. The report also highlights notable achievements made by all Dundee's schools in the course of session 2006-07.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Education Committee is recommended to:

- i. note the progress the Education Department has made in meeting its improvement objectives set in session 2006-07;
- ii. approve the revised improvement objectives for session 2007-08;
- iii. instruct the Director of Education to bring forward a report in October 2008 on the progress made in meeting these revised improvement objectives; and
- iv. note and acknowledge schools' achievements during last session.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The work undertaken by the Education Department to ensure its improvement objectives are met is integrated into the Education Department's Development Plan 2005-08, supplemented by the Best Value Review on Attainment Action Plan. This work is funded by the Department's Revenue Budget, supported by specific grant funding.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 In its Department Development Plan: 2005-08, the Education Department set out the projects necessary to improve the effectiveness of the service delivered by the Department. There are eight projects, grouped into three key objectives: *Supporting and developing learning and teaching; Supporting children and young people; and Supporting and developing strategic, professional and resource management.*

4.2 The Department measures the effectiveness of its performance by reference to a set of improvement objectives. All Education Authorities in Scotland are

required to report annually on the progress they have made in meeting their objectives in the preceding session, and to publish details of their new improvement objectives.

- 4.3 This report acknowledges the significant progress that was made last session over the range of improvement objectives, and sets out the realistic goals and targets which the Education Department now aims to achieve.
- 4.4 The Education Department strives to ensure that all young people in Dundee are encouraged and assisted to achieve their full potential across a full range of activities, as well as in the field of academic attainment. This report also records the very great range of achievements in all our schools.
- 4.5 Dundee City Council is preparing a new Council Service Plan: 2007-11, and likewise, all departments of the Council are now drawing up new Service Plans which reflect both their own and the Council's agreed priorities. However, it is appropriate that the Education Department should complete the work of its current Development Plan, through to the end of academic session 2007-08, before embarking on a new Service Plan.
- 4.6 We shall now begin the work of auditing our current performance, with a view to proposing a new Service Plan: 2008-11, drawn up in accordance with Council guidelines, and incorporating development projects and a statement of improvement objectives. From 2011 onwards, the Education Department's Service Plan will follow a four-year cycle and will therefore fall in line with the Council itself and other Council departments.
- 4.7 Beginning with this report, the Department will henceforth report progress on service delivery to the Education Committee, as required in the Council's planning guidelines.
- 4.8 The Education Department's improvement objectives encompass all of the national improvement agenda, to include not only academic attainment but a range of life skills and experience which young people require in the 21st century. They align with the developing national programme: '*A Curriculum for Excellence*', which aims to ensure that all children and young people become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 This report has been subject to consultation with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

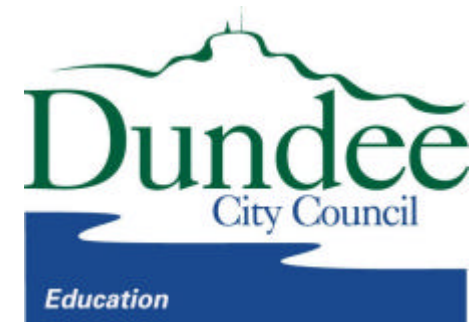
7.1 None

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Dundee City Council Education Department



Department Development Plan

Improvement Objectives: 2007-08

*This document should be read in conjunction with the
Education Department Development Plan: 2005-2008, and the
Best Value Review on Attainment Action Plan: 2006*



Introduction

Dundee City Council Education Department remains committed to developing and improving the academic attainment of all pupils. Developing the learning skills of our young people must continue to be a key priority if they are to be well prepared and well qualified to move on to further and higher education, to work and to lifelong learning. However attainment must be seen as part of a broader range of achievement, which develops in our young people an aspiration to succeed and the opportunity for success across a wide spectrum of endeavour. This includes academic attainment, but also sporting and artistic achievement and opportunities for personal challenge in areas such as outdoor education.

Parents and carers play a crucial role in the education process. The Education Department is committed to strengthening this role by communicating more effectively with parents and carers as part of our communication and consultation strategy, *'Informed and Involved'*. We will seek to involve parents more closely in the learning process. This is a key priority for the Department.

Dundee, like all education authorities in Scotland, is required to publish details of its improvement objectives, in those important areas where it needs to measure the effectiveness of the service it delivers. This document describes the progress that has been made in overtaking the improvement objectives for the Education Department for 2006-07, and summarises those we have set ourselves for session 2007-08. The improvement objectives need to be understood in the context of two key related Education Department aims: to consolidate and keep fresh the *'Learning Together in Dundee'* (LTiD) programme in all Dundee schools and educational establishments; and to strive to raise levels of attainment in primary and secondary schools. This document therefore does not cover all of the Education Department's work, and I would emphasise that for a fuller explanation readers should refer both to the Department Development Plan 2005-08 and to the Best Value Review on Attainment Action Plan.

Continuous improvement is at the heart of the work of the Education Department. It is at the heart of all our work to raise attainment in all sectors. It is highlighted in these improvement objectives. Through continuous improvement we aim to enhance the teaching skills of all our teaching staff, provide a better experience for all our learners, and equip them with the skills and qualifications which will give them better life chances.

The improvement objectives represent a challenge to everyone in the Education Department always to be seeking ways to improve the quality of the service which we deliver to young people. A key aim for us is to build effective partnerships. I am confident that with the partnership and support of staff, pupils, parents and colleagues in other organisations and agencies we will continue to make progress.



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Strategic Statement

Dundee City Council Education Department's improvement objectives form one important strand of its quality assurance procedures, all focussed directly on improving pupil achievement and attainment. The quality assurance procedures of the Department are overseen by the Improving Pupil Attainment and Achievement (IPAA) Strategy Group, comprising representatives of the theme groups which are responsible for the strategic direction of the authority: Leadership Group; Audit Group; Performance Monitoring Group; Health Promotion Group; Arts Strategy Group; ACE Group; Education & Employment Group.

The Department has also established a programme of reviews in all sectors, including: Attainment Reviews, analysing 5-14 and SQA data, monitoring progress and challenging schools; Annual Reviews, which check current progress over a number of indicators; and triennial Extended Reviews, which afford an opportunity to the authority to verify schools' self-evaluation measures.

The work of the Department and its schools remains entirely focussed on embedding the 'Learning Together in Dundee' programme. This is already paying dividends in terms of enhanced learning experiences for young people, improved working relationships between teachers and pupils, and positive classroom management resulting in fewer incidents of disruptive behaviour. The benefits of the programme are now acknowledged by external observers, such as HMIe, and, crucially, by staff and by pupils themselves in the schools. Our task now is to ensure that the LTID programme remains fresh and relevant to all our members of staff and young people in our schools.

The key task of the Department is to raise levels of attainment at all stages. Dundee City Council recognises the importance of this in its new Service Plan, in acknowledging that success will impact positively on the social and economic well-being of the city. The Department is aware of its own responsibilities in this area, and of the contribution our partners in the Council and our external partners can make in assisting us to raise attainment among disadvantaged and vulnerable young people. Cluster Support Teams are active in each secondary cluster in enhancing learning experiences, and involve all stakeholders, including parents/carers and the local community. Education is about to play an important part in the Council's decentralisation plans and in identifying and prioritising community needs. Lastly, and most importantly, those with the most significant needs will be supported through Joint Action Teams, which are now operational in secondary schools and early years/primary clusters.

As we begin the task of preparing for a new Education Service Plan 2008-11, we will commit ourselves to working with all our stakeholders to audit progress in our current Development Plan, to monitor our achievements in addressing the action points of the Best Value Review on Attainment, and to identify new and emerging priorities. The improvement objectives on whose progress we are reporting here, and the new ones we are setting, are integral to the task, and are a vital part of our whole quality assurance procedures.



Our Aims

The Education Department has a number of key aims. They guide the work of the Department and are taken forward through the Department Development Plan. They are reflected in Action Plans which outline the detailed work of the Department.

The following are the shared aims for all of us in the Education Department. Every member of staff has a key role to play and a valuable contribution to make in achieving these aims.

Through the work of all staff in all establishments and services the Education Department aims to:

Achievement

- ***ensure that all learners achieve their highest potential***
- ***ensure equality of opportunity for all***
- ***raise aspiration by promoting confidence and self esteem in all of our pupils***

Ethos

- ***promote a culture where everyone is valued equally and all achievements are recognised***
- ***ensure that all learners experience the broadest range of personal development opportunities***
- ***develop an inclusive ethos which supports all staff in providing the highest quality Education Services***

Partnership

- ***work in partnership with the home, the community and other services***
- ***ensure that all services achieve best value consistent with high quality educational provision***

Improvement Objective Report

| No. | Improvement Objective | Target: 2006-07 | Report on Performance: 2006-07 | Target: 2007-08 |
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| 1 | Pupil Attainment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • achieve a minimum increase of 2% in the combined P3, P4, P6 and P7 rolls meeting or exceeding the appropriate 5-14 level for their age in Reading, Writing and Mathematics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attainment statistics at June 2007 demonstrate a 2.4% overall improvement in English language and Mathematics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue to raise attainment in English language and Mathematics, and ensure identified weaknesses are responded to with rigorous support and challenge through attainment and quality assurance processes |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strengthen the challenge to primary schools to improve performance through a more focussed, rigorous approach, for instance, two new Attainment Review meetings per session for each primary school | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two attainment meetings have been held in all primary schools during session 2006-07 | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • achieve 60% (Reading), 52% (Writing) and 51% (Mathematics) of the percentage of S2 pupils who have met or exceeded level E in Reading, Writing and Mathematics by the end of S2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overall performance has remained relatively static, with an increase in the Writing measure, a stable performance in Mathematics, and a decrease in the Reading measure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • achieve a common understanding of assessment and reporting between the sectors, concentrating on the principle of transition • continue to raise attainment in English language and Mathematics, and ensure identified weaknesses are responded to with rigorous support and challenge through attainment and quality assurance processes |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase the percentage of pupils achieving SQA awards and equivalent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the overall authority measures at end of S4 have increased, with some very significant results of pupils attaining at least 5 awards at SCQF level 5 in certain schools • end of S5 results are very encouraging and show increases from last year's performance • the average tariff score achieved by pupils continues to demonstrate an improving trend | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attain the following targets at the end of S4 (these targets are interim and will be kept under review and updated): English & Maths at SCQF level 3 - 88% 5+ 'S' Grades at level 3 - 90% 5+ 'S' Grades at level 4 - 74% 5+ 'S' Grades at level 5 - 28% • continue to increase the average tariff |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">the end of S4 measures show that the authority is closing the gap between Dundee and its comparator authorities | score |
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| 1 | Pupil Attainment, cont'd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> show a further improvement of 5% over the remainder of the period 2005-08 in the number of looked after young people who have attained SCQF level 3 or above in English and Mathematics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> figures for this measure are not obtained until November of each year for the preceding academic session records for the past four years show a rising trend in numbers of young people who are looked after attaining SCQF level 3 in English and Maths, from 10% in 2002-03 to 38% in 2005-06 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> target remains in place |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase the average self-evaluation levels of HGIOS QIs 1.1 (Structure of the Curriculum), 2.1 (Overall Quality of Attainment), 3.2 (The Teaching Process), 3.3 (Pupils' Learning Experiences), 3.4 (Meeting Pupils' Needs) and 7.2 (Self-evaluation) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> this objective is encompassed in the 'Learning Together in Dundee' initiative and the ongoing work with 'A Curriculum for Excellence', and will be monitored through the Review process the average self-evaluation and HMIE evaluation level of QI 1.1 has increased from 4.0 to 4.3; QI 3.2 indicates a small increase; QI 7.2 has increased from 3.0 to 3.3; the other QIs have remained at their present level | |
| 2 | Pupil Achievement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide, through the Arts and Culture strategy, all pupils 3-18 with a range of opportunities to participate in cultural, sporting and learning activities outside the core curriculum | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Arts strategy has been cited nationally as an example of best practice partner agencies embed opportunities for pupils aged 3-18 to participate in cultural activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all pupils will have access to one year's free music tuition through the Youth Music Initiative Scheme by the time they reach P6 increase the percentage of young people participating in cultural activities from 10% to 13% |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide all primary pupils with the opportunity for 1 enterprise experience at each stage of their education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> target has been overtaken | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> maintain target of all primary pupils having at least 1 enterprise experience |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide staff development for all staff on opportunities for enterprise within the primary and secondary curriculum | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> target has been overtaken through the LTID programme with its emphasis on enterprising education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> maintain target of ensuring that all staff have development opportunities in enterprise education |
| 3 | School Leaver Destinations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase the percentage of school leavers entering education, employment or training by 2% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the numbers entering education, employment or training rose from 78% in 2004 to 82% in 2006, leaving 18% with no positive destination | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> achieve a percentage of 88% of school leavers entering a positive destination |

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| 4 | Attendance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reduce the number of cases of children and young people who present with significant non-attendance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> there has been a 0.34% improvement in attendance across the city's secondary schools; the attendance rate in the primary sector has been static following the introduction of a new procedure for tackling entrenched non-attendance, 16 cases have been heard at Attendance Hearings, of which 14 moved to prosecution; in some of these cases significant attendance patterns were re-established before the case came to court | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to improve attendance rates across the city |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> evaluate the effectiveness of Group Call in reducing non-attendance in the secondary sector, and its pilot introduction in 3 primary schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Call is a flexible resource which has improved direct contact with parents, is not time-consuming, and allows the authority to contact parents at the soonest possible opportunity in 7 secondary schools, there has been a reduction in either authorised or unauthorised absence rates and, in 2 schools, a reduction in both authorised and unauthorised absence rates across the city the rate of authorised absences has gone down from 6.59% to 6.26% the biggest reduction in numbers of recorded authorised absences in one school was 14% the biggest reduction in numbers of recorded unauthorised absences in one school was 28% in the 3 primary pilot schools overall attendance rates are down by 0.01%, indicating that there is no benefit in using Group Call in that sector | |
| 5 | Parental and Community Involvement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> have in place in all schools a relevant communication and consultation strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> target has been overtaken | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to show improvement in the average self-evaluation level of HGIOS QI 5.4 (Partnership with parents, the Parent Council and the | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all recent HMle reports show an evaluation of good or very good the post of Parental Information Officer has been advertised the Parental Implementation Group continues to | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all schools have effective Parent Councils in place Parental Involvement Officer supports schools hold a good practice roadshow to share |

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| | | community) | meet termly to take forward the Education Department's strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the average self- and HMle evaluation level has increased from 3.3 to 4.6 | information |
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| 6 | Equality | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> support all children with additional support needs through joint programmes of assessment and intervention | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1043 Individualised Educational Plans (IEP) have been created in all sectors; of that number, 99 either have a Co-ordinated Support Plan (CSP) or are in the process of obtaining one, and a further 103 are being considered for a CSP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> target remains in place |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase the number of staff trained in issues related to the legislative framework around equality and diversity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all Head Teachers have been provided with details of implications for schools and information on how schools can comply with the requirements of the various equality laws, and are supported to ensure schools meet their legal duties | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> training will be arranged for all Head Teachers, which will enable them to go on to discharge their statutory responsibility to provide training opportunities for all their staff |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to develop and deliver mainstream autism outreach support training | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> this service has been expanded to include a teacher at the primary stage, and a teacher at the Dudhope Education Centre a planning group meets termly to identify priorities and trends, co-ordinate the deployment of resources, and facilitate the transfer of information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> target remains in place |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reduce further the average length of exclusions across the city | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the average length of exclusion in the primary sector in 2006-07 reduced to 4.9 half-day openings, and 5.6 in the secondary sector | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reduce the number of days lost through exclusion |
| 7 | Child Protection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> make available training at different levels to all staff as appropriate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> from Jan 2006 - present, child protection training has been provided for Education Department staff and others at various levels: Basic (252 participants); Foundation (295 plus 50 NQTs); Intermediate (75); 7-day SQA course (63); Designated Officers' Development training (90); Joint Investigative Interview courses (24); and Children's Panel training (25) Heads of Service, Education Managers and Principal Officers attended training on multi-agency guidance for the protection of children and young people Head Teachers, Principal Teachers (Guidance) and Designated Child Protection Officers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> target remains in place |

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| | | | <p>attended a table-top exercise on parental substance misuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• all centres and services provided a basic awareness-raising presentation for all members of staff across the city on 'Managing Concerns', specifically about child protection | |
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| 8 | Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> achieve a minimum bronze accreditation as a Health Promoting School in all schools and pre-school establishments, and increase the number of silver and gold awards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all schools are health-promoting schools 20 establishments have received accreditation (3 gold, 11 silver and 6 bronze), and other awards are pending | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to support all establishments to be health promoting, and increase further the number of accreditations |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase the number of schools achieving the Scotland's Health at Work (SHAW) award | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 schools achieved a SHAW award, including the first nursery gold award in Scotland all establishments have been given information on Healthy Working Lives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> encourage schools to consider and develop the health of staff, including participation in Healthy Working Lives |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> achieve a positive impact on oral health through supported tooth brushing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHS Tayside report a 2.75% improvement overall in oral health we had full participation in Childsmile Initiative | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to demonstrate improvement in the oral health of pupils |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase the percentage of pupils participating in regular daily physical activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a number of programmes have been established under the Active Schools programme offering a wide variety of activities for pupils, and some programmes have also been extended into holiday periods participant sessions have increased by around 15,000 (15%) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase participant sessions by a further 10% |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase and sustain the numbers of parents, coaches and volunteers working within the programme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 272 parents, coaches and volunteers are involved, representing a 35% increase over the original target | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase the numbers working within the programme to 292 |
| 9 | ECO Schools and Sustainability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to support all schools to develop an Eco Schools culture, resulting in increased numbers of awards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dundee is one of the few authorities where all schools are registered and working towards Eco Green Flag status; to date we have achieved 20 bronze, 6 silver and 2 green awards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 additional schools to achieve an award |
| 10 | Staff Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> show increased uptake in use of CPD Online | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the total number of applications increased from 4353 to 6128 (41%) and the total number of activities attended increased from 2421 to 3445 (42%) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> target remains in place |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> review all Head Teachers over the three-year cycle 2006-07 to 2009-10, using revised | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all Head Teachers are now part of the three-year cycle, using revised guidance and procedures in session 2006-07, 2 nursery, 11 primary and 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 nursery, 20 primary and 3 secondary Head Teachers will be reviewed |

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| | | arrangements | secondary Head Teachers were reviewed | |
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| 11 | Staff Absence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reduce absence levels of teaching staff, APT&C staff, and manual/craft workers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the rate of absence of teaching staff remains static at 4.6%, that of APT&C staff has improved greatly to 3.8%, and there has also been an improvement in the absence rate of manual/craft workers, down to 7.4% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement is required in rates of absence for teachers and manual/craft workers to achieve the targets of 3.8% and 6.3% respectively maintain the rate for APT&C staff, which is already better than the original target of 5.2% |
| 12 | School Occupancy Levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> produce and implement the School Estate Strategy (Building Our Future – Scotland’s School Estate) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the percentage of primary schools in which the ratio of pupils to places is between 61% and 100% has been reducing over recent years as a consequence of falling pupil numbers; however, it is anticipated this position will improve as a result of reviewing school capacities to reflect changes in school usage and reduced class sizes, and also the mergers arising from the opening of PPP schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase by 10% the percentage of schools meeting the criteria of 61% - 100% capacity |
| 13 | Free School Meals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase uptake of free meals, resulting in a closer match between uptake and entitlement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the introduction of improved administrative and IT arrangements for claiming free meals has resulted in a 2.2% improvement in the percentage of those pupils entitled to free meals who take them up | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continuing improvements to the arrangements for claiming free meals should result in a further 5% increase in uptake |

School and Pupil Achievements

Listed below is a selection of achievements and activities undertaken by Dundee City Council's schools during 2006-2007.

Each school was asked to submit details of achievements and activities of which they were particularly proud. Those received have been included below, and reflect only a small proportion of the successes that our schools can demonstrate. It is hoped that the wide variety of achievements listed indicates the broad view of achievement that schools and the Education Department takes, and the many areas in which schools are active.

NURSERY SECTOR

Bellfield Nursery

- Toothbrushing - children whose parents have given their permission have their teeth cleaned in nursery
- Maths bags - on a rotational basis, children take home a bag with a selection of maths based activities for parent and child
- Take a Querky home - groups adopted a Querky, a teddy-type cuddly toy which they named, looked after in nursery, explained all the routines to and included in activities; on a rotational basis the Querky went home and a book was kept which included photos of the home visits
- Craft evenings - in partnership with Parents Services, two very successful evenings were held in November and March; these non-curricular evenings were relaxed and valuable for building good relations between nursery staff, parents and children
- Library - in partnership with parents, groups of children visited the local library for story telling and choosing books; parents staffed a Lending Library in nursery on a weekly basis
- Sponsored event - the children took part in a sponsored obstacle race which was watched by parents and raised nearly £700
- Increased use of ICT - the confident use of SMARTboard and the innovative use of programmable toys; Education City, which has been an excellent programme and reinforces other work within the nursery; the use by the children themselves of cameras, cd player, karaoke machine and dance mat
- Fruit home - children have responded well to the healthy eating policy of fruit at snack, now extended to fruit being offered to children after their lunch and selecting a piece of fruit to take home on a Friday, thus encouraging healthy eating at home and letting parents see how much the children enjoy fruit
- Use of photographic evidence - photos are being used successfully in settling in reports and also in transition books to primary school
- Transition Day - in partnership with Harris Cluster Early Years Network, a transition day was held at Park Place Primary School. The children from Law Nursery, Park Place Nursery and ourselves mixed with children from P1 in the associated primary schools

Fintry Nursery School

- We are taking part in the Scottish Executive pre-school provision pilot project for vulnerable two year olds. This is a joint venture staffed by Dundee City Council in partnership with Care at Home. Although only 12 children attend at any one time 27 families were using the service up till June and currently we have 37 families benefiting from a few sessions each week.

- Our entry to Focus on Achievement Awards June 2007 "Reaching out to Parents" detailed how we supported and built up a successful partnership with the families of our two year old group.
- We are supporting the children's development through the four capacities of A Curriculum for Excellence by "Giving Children a Voice". We have created a learning environment where the children are encouraged to develop the confidence to voice their own opinions, thoughts and ideas.

Jessie Porter Nursery

- Implementation of "Fruity Friday" Each child given a whole piece of fruit to take home.
- Implementation of Toothbrushing programme. All children whose parents consent take part in this.
- School website started.
- E-books used in transition from nursery to some primary schools.
- Increased use of ICT throughout the curriculum using resources such as whiteboard, digital cameras, digital video cameras, electronic microscope; digital photos used to record children's development and learning through play.
- Two craft events organised in the nursery at the end of the day for parents and their children working together. This was facilitated by the early years team parent development workers and nursery staff.
- Fund raising activities included a sponsored sing, a sponsored Obstacle Course, Red Nose Day and Caring for Kids.
- Involvement with Youth Sports Team – pre-school children took part in "Mini Kickers" football training and skills.
- Librarian comes to nursery on a weekly basis to read stories to children.
- Teddy Bear Packs - to encourage children to respect others and care for them, the children took home a pack containing a teddy bear a story book, a washbag, a letter of explanation and a disposable camera for the children to take photos of what they did with Teddy while he was at home with them for the night. The photos were later used in discussions with the children.

Kirkton Nursery

- The annual Parent Survey for the session indicated a satisfaction level of 100% under each category of nursery life
- On 13th June 2006 we received a Care Commission unannounced inspection. There were no requirements or recommendations for improvement
- On 15th January 2007 Maureen Wiltosz, Early Intervention Nursery Nurse, attended a reception at 10 Downing Street to celebrate the impact of Sure Start workers on young children.
- In February all children participated in the Childsmile Programme: brushing daily in nursery, taking home dental packs termly
- The Sure Start Health Visitor ensured that every nursery child and family now has access to a NHS dentist.
- On 25th June 41 children received Nursery Leaving Certificates in front of over 100 family members.

Law Nursery

- A series of Yoga sessions was held, involving every child in the nursery. This was very much enjoyed by all the participants.

- Various fund-raising activities were held on 'Red Nose Day' and a great time was had by all.
- Despite the vagaries of this summer's weather, a successful event was held with a variety of sports/fun activities. This was enjoyed by all including parents who particularly like having their 'feet read'.
- Increased use of I.C.T. in the nursery with children confidently using the 'Smartboard', cameras, karaoke machine, programmable toys, digital blue camera and dance mat.
- As part of the healthy eating initiative children are enjoying taking home a piece of fruit on a Wednesday and a Friday.
- Children participated with great enthusiasm in a series of Mini-kickers sessions.
- A programme of physical activity sessions led by our Active Schools Co-ordinator was enjoyed by every nursery child.
- Almost all parents/carers attended and very much enjoyed our Nativity play in December. Pre- show refreshments were available and again most parents/carers took this opportunity to get to know each other better.
- Participating in the 'Blue Peter' fundraising 'Shoebiz' appeal. This was well supported by everyone involved in the nursery.
- As part of our 'Eco Schools' work we have been collecting clothes etc. for re-use and re-cycling.

Longhagh Nursery

- Participation in the Blytheswood Shoebox Appeal. Children and parents donated specific items for shoeboxes for distribution to deprived children in Eastern Europe at Christmas. Children made up and decorated 42 boxes.
- Sponsored Sing - children learned and sang 10 songs with parents present raising £1,600 for school funds
- Resources purchased with Sponsored Sing money were displayed and parents invited into nursery to see them.
- Children took gifts of fruit to the Over Fifties Club at the Whitfield Activity Complex and entertained the members with Christmas songs.
- Open Days were held for ante-pre school children. The Smartboard was used to show pictures of all APS children engaged in a variety of activities at nursery.
- Open Day for pre-school children. Children made invitations for their parents/carers to visit nursery and join them in their chosen activities to show what they were learning. Dundee Parents' Services Initiative provided a workshop and support packs with ideas for parental involvement in learning.
- LTiD - We have increased awareness of the principles of LTiD and are building strategies into our practice such as 'Talking and Thinking' books, consultation with children (resources, snack, learning environment)
- Raised awareness of health and hygiene. A glow box was borrowed from King's Cross Hospital to help children understand the importance of thorough handwashing.
- Oral hygiene - the toothbrushing programme was successfully implemented.
- World Book Day - P6 children from local primary schools helped to make this a fun and interesting day for our children by reading to them in our 'story tent' and performing puppets

Menziesshill Nursery

- Awarded gold health promoting school award June 2007 awarded
- Silver health promoting school award March 2007
- Awarded bronze SHAW Scotland health at Work Award
- Took part in one step beyond fundraising scheme collecting 500 pairs of shoes and £500 for Cancer Research February 2007
- Took part in SHADES blind awareness campaign raising £100 for sight research.

- Designed successful mini movers music and movement in the Nursery School initiative in conjunction with SPACE at Dundee College.
- Introduced successful toothbrushing scheme for part-time pupils
- Introduced Tasty Tuesday and Fruity Friday Fruit give away scheme.
- Awarded Focus on Achievement Healthy Environment September 2007.

Park Place Nursery

- Two year old group set up providing a diverse setting for families in the West End who have 2 year olds. This is used by a number of minority families and is able to offer them support and advice.
- The high level of attendance at parents' groups, the Rainbow Group and Friday morning parent groups
- 'Dancing Feet' students taught nursery children to tap dance. This was very successful and enjoyed by staff and children alike.

Wallacetown Nursery

- Compilation of a set of 'Active Play' bags by children, parents, staff and parents services worker through funding from health grant and community schools group. Successful use of these by children and parents at home promotes active play and the opportunity to share information between children, parents and staff about children's physical skills.
- Very good Care Commission Report in March with no requirements or recommendations.
- A very successful Fun Day on Saturday 23rd June was enjoyed by past, present and future children and parents of the nursery, and raised over £700.
- In the DCC Focus of Achievement Awards, the nursery has recently been shortlisted in the category of 'Innovation through a Curriculum for Excellence'.
- Successful parents group on the topic of children's behaviour delivered in partnership with Parents Service worker in response to feedback from Morgan Cluster parental survey.
- Successful building of nursery resources and contacts to ensure inclusion for Polish children and parents. These include work with Advisory Service and Bilingual Pupil Support Service, translation of nursery handbook, children's entry booklet and lending resources and evaluations and dual language books, DVD's and ICT programmes.
- Runners Up award from Health Promotion for project promoting healthy lifestyles.

Whitfield Early Years

- The establishment of a parents' group which has held very successful fundraising events during the year
- A transition leaflet has been produced to support the children moving between the two year old and pre-school areas of the Centre
- The nursery have received a donation of £500 for ICT equipment from the Round Table

Woodlea Nursery

- The national launch of the NHS 'Ready, Steady Toddler' was held at Woodlea in June 2007. Parents and staff contributed to the booklet which is being issued to all children aged one in Scotland.
- PALS groups for parents have run every term, and high levels of attendance have been sustained throughout the year
- There was a successful Christmas concert and raffle
- The Sports Fun Day in June raised £1,300 which has been spent on outdoor resources
- Little Gym time provides physical activity for children with additional support needs. Children from the nursery and from the wider community participate in this programme which is supported by the Sports Development Team and the Sure Start Early Intervention Group

- 'Mini Kickers' was established by the Sports Development Team, to enable children to develop football skills
- Book week 2007 took place in October, building on the success of previous events. The week involved storytelling by visiting guests and parents, a book sale, prize draws each day, and the legendary 'Tiger Comes to Tea' tea party

PRIMARY SECTOR

Ancrum Road Primary School

- P6/7 team won the Dundee Fun In Athletics Festival and went on to compete in the regional final against teams from Fife, Angus and Perth/ Kinross.
- Both boy and girls P6/7 football teams did very well this session with the girls winning a citywide festival and the boys runners up in the Linton Cup and the League.
- P6/7 swimming team won the Harris swimming gala
- P3 -7 Funky Feet teams gave wonderful performances in school and also at the Caird Hall
- P6 Never Winter Nights – Adventure Author Computer Games Project gained national and international recognition with an article in a Sunday newspaper and a visit from Australian teachers
- Individual successes include – a primary 7B representing Scotland in UK Gymnastics competitions; primary 7B representing Dundee in European Rugby tournament; two P7 both winning 1st place junior pipe band trophies; P7 pupil – Best Young Gardener trophy at Dundee Flower and Food festival; P7 pupil won Superclubs on line competition to design a school uniform; P4 pupil was runner up in local MP's Xmas card competition; 2B pupil was youngest contestant in Desperate Danwich competition and came in 2nd
- Link with School in Malawi in second year – P7'a organised various fundraisers including a highly successful staff/ parents/ pupils ceilidh at Harris Academy which raised £500
- Our new format LtiD Parent Contact Evenings proved very popular with parents, staff and upper school pupils who were very much involved – showing parents round the various information stands and also to their teacher appointments
- Cluster Nursery / P1 transition project culminated in a third very successful activity day involving pupils, staff and parents across the associated primaries and nurseries

Ardler Primary School

- Involvement in 'Sparks' project with Dundee Rep.
- Trophy winners for P6 Enterprise Challenge at Baldragon
- Trophy winners for P6 trophy in the Dundee Netball league
- B&Q Christmas Art competition winners (2pupils)
- John Muir Conservation Certificates to P7 participants in a residential camp at Ardeonaig

Barnhill Primary School

- A very good report was given to the Nursery class by the Care Commission
- Every classroom now has a fitted Interactive Whiteboard. Appropriate software has been purchased and staff training given with the result the curriculum provision has been considerably enhanced.
- Our school website has undergone a significant revamp and is now officially up and running. The P7 pupils have the responsibility for keeping this website updated.

- Activities relating to promoting good health have taken place throughout the session including a full programme of activities for the Health Day, a very well supported Healthy Eating Tuck Shop with many opportunities to encourage healthy life styles. All of this was included in our submission for and achieving the Bronze Award.
- Sporting achievements were numerous but significantly the boys' and girls' football teams won their individual tournaments. Two P7 boys represented Dundee in a rugby tournament in Orleans, France. The girl's swimming relay team qualified for the National Championships in Glasgow and the basketball team had another outstanding season. The gymnastics club achieved several successes in the local competitions.
- The P7 pupils enjoyed a very successful residential trip to Dalguise Activity Centre, Dunkeld.
- As part of our plan for developing citizenship a very positive start was made in enhancing the main entrance to the school.
- The P7's organised and led a Burn's Night with entertaining speeches, a fine meal and Scottish Country Dancing as well as an end of session Ceilidh.
- The Infants entertained their parents and relations and the Senior Citizens to a Christmas Concert. A 'full house' on both nights.
- The children from P4 made and sold calendars prepared as part of their ICT curriculum programme. The proceeds were used to buy Christmas presents for under privileged children identified through Barnardos.

Blackness Primary School

- Pupils from all stages of the school took part in the Christmas Musical "Holy Joe". Two performances allowed parents and pupils to see the dramatic and musical work of the pupils
- Primary 5/6 ran an enterprise project entitled Book Exchange. As part of the school drive to encourage reading, the children developed their business plan and ran the event in school. Giving pupils throughout the school the opportunity to exchange, buy and donate reading material. This event was then replicated, by our P5/6 pupils at Dundee City Council's Educational Development Service and at a city wide teacher training event.
- Primary 4 and Primary 7B worked alongside a professional drum musician to create Dundee's first primary samba band. Both classes invited friends and family to attend their performances.
- 18 Primary 7 pupils received awards for successfully completing their cycle training.
- During Health Week pupils took part in a sponsored mini activity marathon and raised £1492 for Asthma UK. Donations were also made to "The Diabetes Education Fund" and "Cancer Research".

Brackens Primary School

- In September Brackens was awarded Dundee's first Green Flag in the Eco Schools scheme.
- The school ran a very successful Multicultural week in November when every pupil participated in a variety of cultural activities including craft, dance and music
- As part of Burns Day celebrations the whole school entertained Ardler 50+ Club with a selection of Scottish songs, dances and poetry
- 6 pupils were awarded prizes at the Council's Spring flower show
- The school football team won the Cameron Cup and the League.
- During February the school ran successful Dads and Lads mornings at Ardler Library to encourage boys to read.
- At the end of session Primaries 6 and 7 performed 'What A Lotta Bother' entertaining pupils, parents and members of the local community.
- The school held a very successful Health Week with after school workshops, healthy eating sessions, sponsored walk etc
- Pupils from the school participated in Scottish Country Dance Festival and sporting events such as mini highland games and athletics festivals

- The school have continued to support various charities including TCCL (£1200), Baby Lifeline (£420), Trees for Africa (£246) Lawside Convent Romanian Orphanage Appeal (£200)

Charleston Primary School

- Margo's Garden, our large outdoor play equipment for the Nursery was opened by the Lord Provost, John Letford on 28 Sept 2006
- Harvest – the children distributed their donations to the elderly and housebound in the community
- We were successful in our bid for £2500 from Learning and Teaching Scotland's Parent Partnership Fund for our Building Bridges in Literacy project
- We were one of the Dundee schools involved in the SPARK project: an arts development project with Dundee Rep culminating in a performance of the children's drama at the Rep
- Several of our children won the main prizes in a Christmas Art Competition at Meadowside St Paul's Church
- one of our children who attends the Breakfast Club won the Christmas Card competition
- We contributed £5000 Lottery Funding to the cost of the new minibus at Menzieshill High School
- Two of our children had a great experience at the Space Project run in partnership with Abertay University
- Red Nose Day: we raised £200 for Comic Relief; had fun at the 30 sec Fame Academy and Joined Up for Education by lobbying Angela Merkel, President of the European Union about children missing school because of poverty.
- Our Scots Poem competition was very competitive in 2007, and a pupil won the Quaich for Scots poems.

Claypotts Castle Primary School

- Primary 6 & 7 Fun in Athletics team represented Dundee in the Tayside final.
- Signing Choir represented the school at Lord Provost's Annual Christmas Dinners for local people by providing lunchtime entertainment.
- Gymnastics team came 4th in the Dundee Primary Schools competition.
- Hearing Impaired Unit children represented Dundee in the disability sports festival run by Capability Scotland at Stirling.
- £250 raised for Red Nose Day charity.
- £500 raised for Rachel House Hospice.
- Hockey squad were winners of Dundee City Council active hockey final.
- Pupils contributed to the bid to break comic strip World Record.
- School hosted Public Health Minister Shona Robison's announcement to raise the legal age at which cigarettes can be bought.
- Cross country squad lifted medals in every event organised this year.

Clepington Primary School

- Very successful Maths Week, Reading Week and Health Week where everyone had a fun time while focussing on each curricular area.
- Our Hard working Eco-School Group has a well established system for recycling paper, aluminium, plastic and cloth.
- P7 classes raised £360 by reading books in the Read for the Future campaign by the Friends of the Earth. They also won a solar powered computer.
- We had a wide range of Enterprise projects including designing Christmas cards, making Rudolph Candy Canes, organising a ceilidh, planning a wedding reception where staff and pupils enjoyed good food, entertainment and dancing! P7 pupils planned and produced a DVD about the school for new parents.
- 200 shoeboxes were filled with gifts for the people in Romania.
- Our Walk to School Week raised £2000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

- Our exciting new publication 'The Cleppiegraph' has proved popular with pupils, parents and staff.
- Clepington pupils continue to compete successfully in a variety of sporting events including football, hockey, athletics and basketball.

Craigiebarns Primary School

- The pupils at Craigiebarns put together a catalogue with many items such as cards, tags, calendars, Christmas tree decorations etc. for family and friends to browse through and place an order. This was a very successful enterprising event.
- We held two Christmas concerts in December. P3, P4 and P5 presented 'Carols and Customs around the World' and P6 and P7 performed 'Scrooge's Christmas Carol'.
- On Thursday 1 March, three classes celebrated the tenth World Book Day by becoming involved in a variety of reading activities. P7a dressed up as Mr Men and Little Miss characters and read Mr Men and Little Miss stories they had written to P1 and P2 children. The younger pupils heard about Little Miss Lipstick, Little Miss Handbag, Mr Olympic and Mr Time to name but a few of the titles. P7b classroom resembled a James Bond film set – the children were dressed up as their favourite James Bond character and involved in some 007 missions! Narnia was the theme for the children in P5a.
- With help from Miss Booth, our Active Schools Coordinator, P2 raised over £100 for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Miss Booth set up a fitness course which the children enjoyed completing. The final total of money raised was in excess of £1700 for the school and nearly £300 for the nursery.
- On Monday 19 March the school and nursery held a 'Green Day'. The highlight of the day for the children was getting to meet the Michelin Man! The day was held in memory of Mrs Lynch who passed away earlier in the session and a sum of over £500 was raised during the day for a charity close to her heart - Climatecare.
- P1 classrooms turned in to mini cinemas at the end of May. Parents were invited to watch animations their children had made using digital movie maker.
- On Friday 1st June, Primaries 1-3 held a Nursery Rhyme/Traditional Tales Day. Children and staff dressed up as their favourite character. The highlight of the day for the pupils was watching the staff act out the story of Sleeping Beauty!
- P5 pupils held a plant sale on Tuesday 12 June to raise money for conservation charities. £100 was raised for the World Land Trust to save 2 acres of rainforest, £130 for Wildlife International to support their work and £140 for the Whale and Dolphin Society to support their conservation work.
- On Thursday 14 June, P6a organised a day of football games and related events such as competitions, quizzes and 'beat the goalie' to raise money for this very worthwhile charity. They raised a total of over £500!

Dens Road Primary School

- Various fundraising for a range of charitable causes. A total of £5695.41 was raised. One of these events was a walk up the Law, organised by our DHT, for all pupils P1-P7 and staff. This was to raise funds for Caring for Kids. We hoped to raise £1000, and actually raised £3500. There was also a number of additional fund-raisers for school activities ie P7 activities week
- P7 activity week held in June, in part funded by the pupils themselves, partly funded by a Bingo evening organised by our DHT. The children spent a week involved in a wide range of activities including trips to Edinburgh Zoo, Craigtoun Park, Lundie walk, Forfar swimming baths, 10 pin bowling
- Our Healthy Eating Assistant was awarded distinction in gaining her RIPH Certificate in Nutrition and Health
- Our athletics team had a very successful year with the girls winning gold and the boys silver, at the Balgay Park Road Race. A P7 pupil was the fastest girl. The cross-country team also had a number of successes coming in 4th at the SSAA Kirkcaldy event where they were competing against 180 schools from all over Scotland. They won the P6 boys and girls' cross-country trophies – one of our pupils was the fastest boy in Dundee
- 4 of our classes worked with Dundee Rep on the SPARKS project, in art and design, music and drama. P6 class performed on stage at the Rep
- a P6 pupil chose the winning name for the new playpark at Stobsmuir Ponds – Sleepy Willow Park. The competition was requested by Councillor Elizabeth Fordyce
- a P7 pupil was nominated a winner for his skills and attitude in football. Part of his prize was that the SPL trophy was brought into school for the class to see firsthand

- a P7 pupil won a competition and the prize was a coaching session for the whole class, at Gussie, by DUFC coaches. The children also met some of the players
- a pupil represented Scotland at a number of gymnastic events both at home and abroad. She also performed in front of over 400 invited guests including the then First Minister, Jack McConnell, at the Focus on Achievements Awards ceremony in the Caird Hall last year,

Downfield Primary School

- Bronze Award for Eco Schools
- School winners of the EIS 'Show Racism the Red Card' competition
- Third place in Safe Taysiders competition
- 49 pupils from P4 - P7 had their poems published in the Young Writers 'A Pocketful of Rhyme - NE Scotland'
- Gymnastics Team was first in Level 1 competition and represented Dundee at the Scottish Championships
- P3 won the 'Count Me In ' competition and won £200 worth of maths books and games.
- P7 boys team was second in Dundee Schools' Cross Country Championship
- Two pupils were Highly Commended in the National Galleries of Scotland Art Competition
- Football team participated in the Neil Glen Memorial Tournament
- Pupil won the Baldragon Cluster French competition

Eastern Primary School

- P6 and P7 performed "Sam and Sammy's Shammy Double Whammy" to capacity audiences at the Gardyne Theatre.
- Enterprise activities have included School show, N/P1 Nativity, P5 Ceilidh, and fundraiser for Edinburgh, P7 Dalguise, P7/S1 Cluster initiative, & visits to Sensations for P1-7.
- We have a very successful Nursery - P1 induction programme in place. This included individual meetings with parents, nursery staff and new class teacher.
- Our P6/7 choir was again invited to sing during the switching on of the Christmas lights in Broughty Ferry.
- At the annual Lochee Burns Competition, Eastern had successes in the P4/5 Category and in the P6/7 Category. 4 pupils then went on to take part in the regional finals in Kirriemuir
- Five P5 pupils won prizes and attended a ceremony in Battleby for Tayside Police Wildlife Project in May.
- Both P5 classes entered the Rotary Games, and P5B team won the finals.
- Five P7 pupils and one P6 pupil represented Dundee Primary Schools at the Jeanne D'Arc Rugby Festival in Orleans, France in April/May and won the competition.
- P6/7 Rugby team won through to the national finals at Murryfield and came 2nd overall.
- Mrs Allan and the P5 / P7 Gardening Club have won Gold Medal at the recent Broughty in Bloom, Bloomin' Wild Competition.

Fintry Primary School

- P4/5 won a 'Farmhouse Breakfast' competition and were served a healthy breakfast in the dining room as a prize. Councillors Kevin Keenan and Jill Shimi were invited and also enjoyed the experience.
- During our successful Health Week evening event for parents and friends, over 200 parents tried various activities and visited our Healthy Cafe run by P6b.
- We won a grant to provide a healthy breakfast in one of our classes. A study was carried out by the pupils to discover if there were any advantages to their learning.
- We were awarded our Silver as a Health Promoting School in May 2007.
- We were awarded a substantial grant to establish a parent partnership group looking at behavioural issues. This group has almost completed a help pack for parents and also offers support to individual parents.
- P4 pupils made an anti-bullying leaflet as a support for all pupils in school. Many instances of buddying have been explored through P6 being playground leaders, P7s as prefects and buddies for individual pupils, learning from parents, pupils and teachers how to relate to others.
- A 'Spanish for Pupils and Parents' Club has been established as an after school club, run by Miss Grant. Grandparents and parents who attend the club took part in the Spanish contribution as the Three Kings in our Christmas concert.
- Our Funky Feet dance group took part in the Caird Hall concert.
- At our end of term 'Celebrations of Achievement' over 600 parents and friends attended to see the pupils present some of their learning in dance, song, drama and use of ICT skills. Each pupil was awarded a personalised 'Certificate of Achievement'.
- The pupils in our Language Unit continue to be 'enterprising' by organising an outside play area and taking responsibility for lost property and packed lunchboxes.

Forthill Primary School

- The school has achieved Silver Award status for Health Promotion and we hope to gain gold in the very near future.
- The football team excelled itself when the team won every competition it entered, including the League Cup, The Burgess Cup, the Junior Sports Cup and the Neil Glen Trophy. Well done to all!
- We delighted when the P6 pupils won the WAVE 102 Christmas Carol Competition. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the disco which was part of the prize.
- Many charities were supported throughout the session giving the pupils opportunities to be enterprising and to extend their citizenship skills.

Glebelands Primary School

- P7 Robolab Challenge Winners
- P7 Passport to Europe (French) - Winning Team, Glebelands Pupils
- Winners of Schools' Football League
- P7 Christmas Card Competition - Winner
- P1 Christmas Card Competition - Class Winners - Plal
- P6 Choir - Runners up in Wave 102 Christmas Cord Competition
- School raised £1500 towards Cusco Project as part of P6 link with Peru and Peace Child International
- Bronze Award for Health Promoting School

- Bronze Award for Eco-Schools
- P6 Participation in Six Cities design Festival

Gowriehill Primary School

- ICT Base has been completely refurbished creating a more positive learning environment.
- We successfully bid for and received a grant to implement story sacks for P3 and P4 children to encourage homelinks with reading.
- Some of our P7 children participated in the Young Writer's initiative and had their work published.
- Several pupils were selected to be part of a Dundee Select Basketball Team.
- Boys were selected to play in the Dundee Select football Squad.
- Many outside agencies, Staff Tutors and Active Sports staff participated in our Health Week which contributed to a great success.
- P7 and P1 have worked closely together on a paired learning initiative which has proven a very rich and rewarding experience for all concerned. We plan to extend this practice to include P6 and P2 this session.
- House Captains were responsible for a successful Red Nose Day appeal raising awareness of poverty and collecting a large amount of money.
- Pupils celebrated World Book Day and were each given a book token to purchase a book.
- P7s took part in a sponsored gallop around the grounds and sent a donation to The Dog's Trust and provided a DVD player for school's use as a thank you and a reminder of them when they moved on to S1.

Hillside Primary School

- Both staff and pupils have worked to produce Hillside's mission statement
- Learning to Love Literacy - joint project between Support for Learning and RCT staff (now shortlisted for FOA Award)
- Using Technology to Remove Barriers to Learning (SEN) - Pupils' personal projects to assist with transition P7-S1, and Dinosaur Chess (using Interactive Whiteboard) - joint project between Speech Therapy and School (now shortlisted for FOA Award)
- Eco-school Award (silver) for developments taken forward by Eco Group during school's joint Golden Time
- Three separate performances (Infant / Middle / Upper) across the session, with afternoon and evening shows for parents and friends
- "Day with a difference" as promoted at Guy Claxton Conference - pupils took part in three separate days across the session around the themes Scottish Culture (St Andrew's Day) Horrid Henry (Literacy) and Challenge Day (Personal challenges and Problem Solving)
- School visited by National Autistic Society for re-accreditation of standard of excellence in provision for pupils with Autism. There was a civic reception held in City Chambers this session for staff, parents/carers and pupils from across the city to mark this achievement
- School achieved bronze award for efforts in promoting SHAW (Scotland's Health at Work)

Lochee Primary School

- Oxfam Collection - all children participated and purchased water wells, sheep, goats and donkeys for poorer nations than ourselves
- Rain-Shelter Project - in partnership with Baldragon pupils' XL group, the shelter was painted and decorated using children's design
- Lochee Primary School Partnership – the Parent/Community Association has been most active and supportive in fund-raising and running events

- All staff became qualified for the Child Protection Foundation Level Award
- Children from primaries 4 to 7 took part in Open Voice events aimed at improving education at Lochee Primary.
- Nurture Group - started a group called Pitstop to create a better learning environment for all of the pupils at the school
- Picture Book Award Project - primaries 1 and 6 participated in a very motivational and enjoyable initiative which brought them together to improve reading skills but had success in other ways such as social and behavioural
- Nursery Class Joint Inspection Report and Standard Inspection of the Whole School - both reports were positive and recognised the good and very good points of the school whilst making some recommendations for areas which will be improved and modified as per the Development Plan
- there has been a record number of individual and group rewards this session - Healthy Eating Awards, Six-Star Awards, Bell Trophy and Star Pupil Awards
- Sports Activities - children have participated very successfully in Basketball, Football, Gymnastics and various other events. Some children have represented Dundee and Tayside select teams in basketball and football. The basketball team have won several events this session.

Longhagh Primary School

- Christmas Show – The Grumpy Sheep Primary One-Primary Three pupils. Performed for parents and rest of school
- Primary 5 pupils took part in Rotary Games at Dick McTaggart Centre
- School football team completed all league fixtures and reached final of Thomson Cup
- Primary 6 enterprise project – renovated school shelter worked closely with parents and local businesses
- School gained Bronze Award for Eco Schools
- Open afternoon for parents to view children's work was very well attended
- School – Bronze Health Promoting School
- A number of pupils performed and enjoyed Scottish Country Dance Festival at the DISC
- A very successful Health Week with a variety of activities including walk to school, the Longhagh Mile and Sun Awareness lessons

Macalpine Primary School

- Whole school musical production
- Eco. schools (Bronze)
- Focus on achievement - Links with Peru
- Enterprise Challenge (2nd place)
- Scottish Primary Maths Challenge (Silver)
- Various Hockey Tournaments (Winners)
- Robolab Challenge (Winners)
- Eco committee (Bronze)
- Successful "Scottish Night"
- Successful "Christmas Fair"

Mid Craigie Primary School

- Harvest parcels - P7 collected non-perishable foods to be distributed to the residents of Bield Housing
- Our Active Schools Co-ordinator and our Eating for Health Assistant ran a very successful Fit Club. The aim was to encourage children to enjoy a healthy diet and increase their physical activity
- We once again enjoyed a very successful Health Week, during which all children experienced sport, exercise, health and nutrition activities. Parents were invited to the Health Fair which was enjoyed by the whole school community. The Skip for Scotland event took place during the week raising money for the British Heart Foundation and school funds.
- The school submitted two entries for the Focus on Achievement awards; P5 produced an animation on the theme 'Solids, Liquids and Gases' and were short-listed for an award
- P2 children and their parents were involved in a project about the preparation of a healthy diet and learning about a healthy lifestyle; the project received funding from NHS Scotland and received an award in recognition of its merits

Mill of Mains Primary

- Primary 4 pupil, Elise Teviotdale, won the 'Desperate Danwich' competition at Dundee Flower & Fruit Festival.
- St Andrew's Day Disco held for all pupils.
- Pupils filled 150 shoeboxes for the Blytheswood Appeal
- Primary 7 pupils performed 'The North Pole Goes Rock 'n' Roll' for parents and friends.
- Finalists in the Burns Competition performed at our Scottish Evening
- Primary 7 pupils completed work on our school garden refurbishment with the assistance of the Quality Contact team.
- Primary 7 pupils enjoyed a residential trip to Dalguise Outdoor Centre
- A 'Learning Together in Dundee' evening was held for parents
- Football team reached Thompson Cup Final.

Mossgiel Primary School

- 'Work Experience for the P7s' was shortlisted in the 'Developing Partnerships' section of the Focus on Achievement Awards
- Our netball team were runners-up in the East of Dundee league
- £563.50 was raised from a sponsored skip, with half going to the British Heart Foundation and half to the school
- P4/5 raised money for Guide Dogs as part of an enterprise topic
- St Andrew's Day was celebrated by the whole school with a mixture of Scottish Country Dancing and games with a Scottish theme

Newfields Primary School

- Newfields Gymnastics Team gained 1st Place at Level 2 in the Dundee Primary Schools Comp. and came in 5th place at the Scottish Primary Schools Championships at Level 2.

Our Lady's Primary School

- Two pupils from Primary 6 attended the Space School
- Primary 7 pupils raised in excess of £2000 during their Enterprise project. Received sponsorship from local businesses. Money offset the cost of trip to Compass Christian Centre, Glenshee
- Primary 7 pupils were involved in a project to develop Ann Street play park. The pupils worked with Highwayman and DCA
- A 'Celebrate Achievement' Assembly was held on St Andrew's Day. Parents were entertained by pupils through music and drama. Awards were presented to pupils for their many successes
- A highly successful Information Evening was held for parents on LTiD. Parents also had the opportunity to experience at first hand what their children learn at school. Displays on each curricular area were set up in the school hall.
- 2 pupils were runners up in a Christmas Card Competition. They were presented with their prizes by Jim McGovern MP
- Pupils raised £755 for SCIAF through a variety of ways – sports afternoon, book sale, 'fictional character' fancy dress parade on World Book Day, Cake and Candy
- Primary 2/3 collected 45 filled shoeboxes for their enterprise project 'Shoobox Appeal'. Boxes were sent to underprivileged children in Eastern Europe
- The Kick It/Kick Off programme was attended by a number of Primary 6 and 7 pupils who were all presented with Certificates of Achievement at the completion of the course.
- A group of 10 Primary 6 pupils attended an ICT-based programme through Kick It/Kick Off on a weekly basis for a period of 6 weeks.

Park Place Primary School

- We held a very successful Scottish Evening with recitations and demonstration dances by pupils for parents/carers and friends of the school
- We held a 'Learning Together in Dundee' Bingo Night to share learning and teaching strategies with parents, with workshops led by pupils and staff and a fun bingo session to finish the evening
- A successful Health week was held with parents delivering belly dancing and a range of health activities as part of our Health Promoting Schools programme
- A Lunch-time Dance Club has been established and they performed at the end of year celebrations
- The school held a Multi-Cultural week with an Open Day for parents and this culminated in an extremely successful Multi-Cultural Fayre establishing a number of links within our local community
- The Silver Leng Medal was won by a pupil and the P 5-7 Choir entertained at the Visually Impaired Unit in Ward Road at Christmas
- Our Harvest Festival resulted in a large donation of foodstuffs to Fareshare – a local charity
- We hosted another successful Transition Day for our Early Years Cluster Network, involving the 5 local primaries and 3 local nursery schools. The theme was Multi-Cultural and involved stories from around the world, Indian & Scottish Dancing
- Primary 7 participated in an Anti-Sectarian project along with the Primary 7 classes in our Learning Community – Blackness PS & St Joseph's PS, looking at multi-faith awareness and tolerance. They worked with the Rep and produced a play entitled 'Toni's Story' and made presentations to each of the schools at a Conference in Queen's Hotel.
- We hosted our first Leaver's Prom for Primary 7, which was well received by all staff and pupils who attended.

Rosebank Primary School

- HMle reported very good progress at Rosebank in June 2007. Learning, teaching and attainment in English and Mathematics had all improved and no further visits will be made in connection with the inspection.
- Pupils enjoyed a new programme of writing topics which successfully improved the overall attainment in Writing across the school.
- P4/5 pupils enjoyed a successful day participating in the Rotary Games, competing against bigger schools.
- a Primary 7 pupil was chosen for Dundee School's Football team.
- A whole school Enterprise Activity organising and participating in the Christmas Fayre resulted in £800 being raised.
- P6 pupils enjoyed participating in the Dundee Robolab ICT challenge.
- P5 and P6 pupils received certificates for their participation in ICT and Personal and Social Development work at Dens Park.
- Two pupils were elected as school representatives to attend a series of activities and talks about 'Space' Exploration.

Sidlaw View Primary School

- Children from P5, 6 and 7 worked with Scottish Opera to put on a production of 'Slim McBride and the Legend of the Lost Tribe'.
- Children in P3 worked with staff from McManus Galleries to produce a picture book of 'The Story of the Nine Maidens'.
- Children from P7 put on a performance of 'Cinderella' for pensioners in the community at their Christmas lunch.
- A Fit Club was started in school with a number of children taking part; results showed an improvement in fitness for all concerned.
- A pupil, P7, won this year's Leng Medal.
- The newly constituted Parents' Group raised £800 for the school through various fundraising activities.
- All pupils took part in the 'Rag Bag' re-cycling challenge and raised £200 for the school by bringing in old clothes for collection.
- A number of children took part in Maths, Language and Environmental Studies workshops with their parents over the course of the session.
- P7 took part in an enterprise challenge which involved them making Easter bonnets for all members of staff; each bonnet had to match the personality of the person for whom it was made.
- A number of staff successfully completed 'Heartstart' training and were awarded certificates at the end of the year; some of these staff members are now qualified to train children in the same techniques.

St Clement's Primary School

- P7 Annual Residential Trip to Newtonmore 18-22 September 2006
- STEM Science Fayre – hosted in school 18-20 September 2006
- Annual P1 Welcome Mass in St Clement's Church Sunday 22 October 2006
- P6 & P7 children began training with DEPS for Restorative Practice – Playground Initiative
- Official opening of St Clement's Out of School Care Club – 22 November 2006
- St Andrew's Day celebrations with visit from Mrs Jill Shimi
- School Productions – Infant – 'Rock Around The Flock' and Upper School – 'Songs From The Musicals' – 12th & 13th December 2006.
- Boxes of groceries donated by pupils to local Sheltered Housing Complex for distribution to most needy in community – Christmas 2006.
- Donations from pupils, staff and parents to World Vision for purchase of medical goods for Third World Countries.

- P6 – Dundee Picture Book Awards February – June 2007.

St Columba's Primary School

- All Primary 7 pupils gained Dynamic Youth Award for buddying programme established to support Primary 1 transition from Nursery.
- Pupils from Primaries 1 – 7 took part in Gardening Project with Adult Learning Worker from Kirkton Neighbourhood Centre. This involved worker with parents, making bird boxes and planting bulbs to enhance school environment.
- St Columba's were the host school for the annual Education Mass celebrated in St Andrew's Cathedral for all Catholic schools in the Dunkeld Diocese
- School choir consisting of pupils and staff members sang Christmas Carols for Day Care patients at Ashludie hospital
- Two Primary 6 pupils attended Space Discovery School
- Pupils from Primary 7 took part in the Cluster Maths Challenge organised by Lawside Maths Department.
- A team of Primary 7 pupils represented the school at Lawside Swimming Gala and were awarded 2nd place.
- Five pupils from Primaries 6 & 7 represented the school in a Robo Lab Challenge and were awarded second place.
- Primary 7 pupils enjoyed many challenges during their residential stay at Compass Christian Centre in Glenshee.
- Primary 6 pupils involved in Nintendo D.S. project with Learning & Teaching Scotland. Ten week period developing 'Higher order thinking skills'.

St Fergus Primary School

- Attained our first Eco Schools Green Flag
- Awarded Gold status for Health Promoting Schools
- Won Focus on Achievement Award for Partnerships
- Awarded Gold Medal Certificate in Dundee in Bloom Garden and Allotment Competition
- Participation by P6 pupils in inaugural Dundee Space School
- Participation by P7 pupils in Dundee University Maths Masterclasses
- Very successful Open Morning for Parents and Carers on Learning Together in Dundee
- Extensive and successful use of Interactive Whiteboards for Learning and Teaching in all classrooms and support rooms
- Successful P7 Eco Cafe enterprise project helped fund P7 Residential week at Glenshee

St. Joseph's Primary School

- Success in sporting events - girls football team, local Hawkhill cup, 1st place in swimming gala at Menzieshill.
- A team won heats through to the district finals of the Rotary Quiz.
- A P7 pupil went to the Houses of Parliament to receive her prize for winning the SCARF calendar competition.
- Gained second place in regional final of "Tomorrow's Inventors" competition.
- P7 pupil won a gold medal for running one mile around Camperdown Park in the primary seven girls' race.
- £232 was raised by the Eco-committee through their initiative to have a "Green Day" at school.
- P7 pupils gave a successful presentation on Anti-Sectarianism at The Queen's Hotel in Dundee.

- Two P6 pupils won competitions to design an MP's Christmas card and also a Christmas card for members of Dundee city council.
- St. Joseph's girls won gold medals at gymnastics day.
- Dundee Book Awards winners

St Luke's & St Matthew's RC Primary

- Primary 7 won the PRISEC (Primary/Secondary) Maths Shield for the 2nd year running
- Primary 6 pupil achieved a Bronze Certificate in the Scottish Mathematical Association Maths Challenge
- Pupils raised £1507.20 for various charities, £1000 of which is going to Romania
- Primary 5 were 1st in the local and 5th in the final City Wide of the Rotary Games
- A P7 pupil and a P4/5 pupil were in the final of the Food and Flower Festival
- Teacher Parent Pupil Project into 3rd year with good results
- Successful Netball Team reaching the final of the League
- Too Good For the Bin Competition, P7 came 2nd
- 30 trees have been planted, beginning our School Garden

St Margaret's Primary School

- All St Margaret's pupils linked their language development work with the International Children's Film Festival run by the DCA in September – all classes attended film shows and completed evaluations and worksheets linked with the event.
- From January to June some staff and pupils took part in the NASA Space School project linked to Abertay University. This culminated in a summer school where they met astronauts and cosmonauts.
- All pupils enjoyed a Book Awards Project linking with Moira Foster, EDS and Stewart Sim, Library Services. This was a successful merger preparation as pupils from St Columba's also participated and shared outcomes.
- In a pilot project led by Alison Mountain, Dundee University, all pupils designed and made 'Thinking Books' to aid their creativity. These books continue to be used in all classes.
- Senga Munro, storyteller, worked with all classes to further enjoyment of stories, the development of creative writing and to encourage story telling by the children themselves.
- Pupils led enterprise projects to raise awareness of and to raise funds for LEPRA (Leprosy charity), SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund), MacMillan Cancer Relief and MISSIO (Catholic Children's Missionary Charity)
Pupils organised fun days, games afternoons, crazy hat days and a coffee morning which altogether raised £1480.00 over the school year.
- Our P3 pupils ran their own company 'Shining Star Productions' to prepare, advertise and photograph their Christmas Nativity Production.
- To encourage home, school and church links each class took part in Sunday Celebrations; some pupils formed a school choir to perform at a parish concert.

St Mary's Primary School

- Celebrating the Scots Language through poetry in the Burns Federation Competition.
- Participating in Sports Festivals in Basketball, Cross Country Running, P4 Highland Games, Netball, and taking part in the Dundee Schools Music and Arts Festival.
- Scottish Country Dancing at the Schools' Festival at DISC.
- Our PTA organised a Family Fun Day in the summer term and a Bingo Night to fundraise for children's parties.
- We have grown fruit and vegetables in the Janitor's garden.
- We have celebrated with our Parish the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
- We have improved our playgrounds with plant boxes and benches.
- We have had a successful residential visit to Dalguise Outdoor centre for our P7 pupils and a range of educational visits for all classes.
- We have a young pupil selected for the Scottish Gymnastics Training Squad and a P7 pupil, Jordan Cownie, selected for the Scottish Under 13s Ice Hockey Squad.
- In September, we had two pupils selected for the Dundee Primary Schools Select Team.

St Ninian's R.C. Primary School

- Swimming - winners Lynne Davidson Memorial Trophy (P6/7 Girls Relay Team)
- P5 Rotary Games – Finalists
- Dundee Schools Primary Athletics: P6 Girls, 3rd place, 1 lap; P6 Girls, 1st place, 100 m; P7 Boys, 2nd place, 1 mile; and P6 Girls, 1st place, 1 mile
- Meikleham Cup for football - finalists
- Rock Cup - finalists
- Bronze/Silver Medal Winner – Figure Skating
- 2 members of Discovery Space School
- “A Pocketful of Rhyme” – Poetry Competition; 22 pupils had their poems published
- Eco-school – Bronze Award

SS Peter & Paul Primary School

- One of pupils took part in the SPACE school and did a workshop with visiting Astronauts and Cosmonauts
- One of our teachers took part in the SPACE school and did a workshop with visiting Astronauts and Cosmonauts
- A P7 boy came 3rd in the long jump and the 100m at Caird Park Sports
- School football team retained the Thomson Cup, came second in the league and lost on penalties in the Meikleham Cup.
- Raised £500 with a very successful Summer Fayre which involved the school and wider community.
- Senior pupils entertained the Senior Citizens at Lawton Road Sheltered Housing and Forebank Nursing Home.
- Entertained the Senior Citizens and handed out Christmas parcels at the school's Nativity.
- Held a very well attended curriculum afternoon to raise awareness of LTiD.
- Computer Suite has been fully furnished providing 16 computers.
- P6 pupils attended the local Scottish Country Dancing Festival

St Pius Primary School

- Continued very high attainment in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.
- Introduction of interactive whiteboards in all classes.
- Training undertaken by teachers and a good start in the use of the new technology by teachers and pupils for improved teaching and learning.
- Highly successful year for the school netball team, winning their league and cup competitions and being the only Dundee school to remain unbeaten.
- Development of a number of Home Information Booklets, providing an extensive range of information and advice on the curriculum, learning and teaching – to support parents' involvement in their children's learning.
- Introduction of an Open Information Day early in the session for parents to meet their child's teacher and receive information and advice about teaching and learning approaches and expectations for the coming year.
- Development of enterprise activities at all stages of the school.
- Contribution of £1,820.80 to a range of charities.

- The development of Home Learning Packs for pupils with additional support needs – for use by parents and pupils during the summer break, to encourage and support continuity of learning.
- Achievement of 'Healthy Working Lives' bronze award.
- A P7 pupil was successful in gaining entry to study dance at the Scottish School of Ballet.

St Vincent's Primary School

- Enterprise week when children set their own homework and involved their parents/grandparents and gave their teacher homework as well.
- Christmas Concert - Full house 2 evenings.
- Residential visit to Glenshee for all P7 children.
- Fundraising - especially raising money to help train guide dogs for the blind, organising food hampers for the elderly at Christmas, MacMillan Nurses fundraising events, supporting the work of SCIAF and the missions.
- Open afternoons for all classes to inform parents about LTID.

Whitfield Primary School

- Achieving a Silver Award for being a Health Promoting School from the Local Authority/Tayside Health Board Recognition Group - we were highly commended for the range and quality of our activities.
- Primary 5 winning through to the Final of the citywide Rotary Games Competition demonstrating gamemanship and team spirit of exceptionally high quality.
- Pupils from P1 to P7 receiving awards for high standards achieved in recitation of a Scots/Burns poem, singing a Scot song and producing a project on Robert Burns as part of the Burns Federation Competition.
- Helping others less fortunate than ourselves through a variety of fund raising activities, collecting more than 300 pairs of shoes for the Blue Peter Shoe Biz Appeal and filling shoe boxes for the Blytheswood Christmas Shoe Box Appeal among other activities.
- Primary 6 and primary 1 participating in the Dundee Big Picture Book Project, producing a much admired display of their work for Whitfield Library and P6 attending the Awards Ceremony in Bonar Hall where they met and spoke with authors and illustrators of a variety of Children's Books.
- Having a P6 and a P7 pupil selected as 2 of only 6 finalists in the Desperate Danwich competition at the Dundee Flower Show, with another 3 pupils from P5 and P7 chosen as runners up, as well as having first and third prize winners in P1 for their 3-D sunflowers in the same show.
- Running a very full and successful programme of activities for National Science Week ranging from tree planting with the Urban Rangers at Middleton Woods to science and technology challenges to seed planting and electrical circuit making - both real and interactively on the whiteboard.
- Successfully promoting reading for enjoyment through a packed week of activities to celebrate World Book Day, including pupil and parent workshops, a "Bring and Buy" book sale, storytelling sessions from visitors, senior pupils story-telling at Longhaugh Nursery, Design a Book Cover competition and Dress as Your Favourite Character from a book contest.
- Participating in a range of dance activities from the Scottish Youth Dance initiative to the citywide Scottish Country Dance Festival, to our girls in P5, P6 and P7 demonstrating their skills at the Funky Feet Dance Festival at the Caird Hall.
- 3 pupils from P4, P5 and P6 won a Jacqueline Wilson competition run by our library co-ordinators. The pupils, in addition to a prize of a Jacqueline Wilson book, were taken to meet the author herself as part of the Dundee Literacy Festival.

SPECIAL SECTOR

Frances Wright Pre-School Centre

- A successful Parents' Support Group was formed for the parents of children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. The parents opted to undertake the Hanen 'More Than Words' training programme which was presented and supported by one of the Speech and Language Therapists based at the Centre. This course was successful in helping parents to support their children in developing communication and social interaction skills.
- A new pilot provision for disadvantaged two year old children was started in December. This early intervention has benefited the children in the development of language and social skills.
- The children have all been more involved in discussing learning and planning activities. Parents are now provided with a brief outline of the weekly plan which identifies the learning intentions of the planned activities and allows them the opportunity to talk about these and plan activities at home which will enhance their child's learning.
- The centre now has an interactive whiteboard which has been well used to support children's learning, particularly with children who have difficulties in the areas of language and communication.
- The centre held its annual Christmas Fair which is a popular event and was well supported by children, parents, staff and the local community.
- Some of the children attended the local Dundee Age Concern Christmas Party where they provided entertainment by singing and playing party games.
- The Outreach Service Team has worked with the Pre-School Home Visiting Service to develop a policy and bank of visual resources which is standardised and will be used in all pre-school services, where these are required to support children.

Kingspark School

- '*Investors in People*' status was achieved in December 2006
- The '*Removing Barriers to Learning*' award was presented to Kingspark school at the Focus on Achievement Awards in September 2006
- Kingspark School was awarded accredited status by the National Autistic Society in July 2007 for the fourth time
- Seven pupils took part in the *Tayside Athletic Championships for People with a Disability* and seven medals were won
- Two pupils attended the *National Athletic Championships for People with a Disability* and one medal was won
- Thirteen pupils attended the *Tayside Swimming Gala* and seven medals were won
- Twenty-two pupils attended the *Disability Gala* and eleven medals were won
- Seven pupils attended the *National Swimming Championships* and six medals were won
- Eight pupils from Kingspark School were chosen to represent Tayside at the *Fun in Athletics National Championships*
- Through a variety of Enterprise activities pupils have raised funds for the RNLI, Red Nose charities and the McMillan Cancer Fund

BT Assist

- Supported 36 individual pupils to access the curriculum through using technology
- Advice and assistance given to 29 schools, including Nursery, Primary, Secondary and Off-Site provision

Connect 5

- The average attendance of pupils increased by 40% following entry to Connect 5
- The total number of days lost to exclusion by the Connect 5 population decreased dramatically from 369 days prior to entry into Connect 5 to 36 subsequent to entry
- Much time has been spent trying to re-engage the students with learning, resulting in significant success in NQ units in Communication, Numeracy, Problem Solving and Information Technology
- Much effort is also spent on revisiting areas of the 5-14 curriculum to fill in basic skill gaps, and to acknowledge preferred learning styles of individual students.
- 69 % of candidates gained 6 units at Access 2, and 31% of candidates gained 3 units at Access 3
- To further enhance skills covered within Access 2 Units, specific sections within the Asdan Youth Award Scheme are targeted allowing dual certification, with the emphasis on independent living skills; 7 candidates in S4 achieved Bronze Awards

Sensory Services

- Dundee was one of the first Authorities to pilot alternate English SQA ESOL courses and exams for secondary bilingual pupils arriving in the education system at S3 and above.
- We also offer GCSE/GCE exams in a range of languages as well as Standard Grade Urdu
- in session 2006/2007 we established an Examination Centre from which to deliver these exams; there was a 50% increase in the numbers of pupils put forward as compared with previous years, and the GCSE/GCE exams offered were Arabic, Bengali, Chinese and (for the first time) Polish and Russian.
- There were commendable exam pass rates in the subjects offered

SECONDARY SECTOR

Baldrigon Academy

- Community: New school aims and values of Achievement; Respect; Partnership and Recognition developed with pupils, staff and parents in partnership; 5 parent focus group meetings held; fund raising by parents to support rewards and activities programme; and Pupil Support Workers provided successful Get Ready for Easter and summer activities programmes.
- Motivated by successful Determined to Broadcast visit our school beat off stiff competition to be chosen as BBC Radio Scotland Soundtown.
- Awarded the Health Promoting School silver award; Scotland's Health at Work (SHAW) award
- S2 pupils won the Dundee Inter-Schools Championship Literature (DISCL) Quiz and senior pupils successful in winning University of Abertay Literacy project and produced transition video for primary pupils.
- School website expanded to provide up-to-date comprehensive information for parents and homework for pupils.
- U15 football team reached sixth round of Scottish Cup (beaten by winners); reached cup final and rugby re-introduced after 20 years.
- 78 pupils in S1 received awards and 18 merits in the Active Kids Get Cooking scheme; two pupils made the final of School Superchef 2007
- Six primary cluster events organised: Technology 'Robolab' challenge; Enterprise challenge; Maths challenge; Science challenge; Passport to Europe; and Health Fair.
- Representative Honours: won in Gymnastics; Cross-country & Athletics; Cadets.; Figure Skating; Badminton; Ice Hockey; Hockey; Football (boys & girls); Waterpolo & Swimming; Cheerleading (Dundee Sharks) and 9 pupils attained Junior Sports Leader Awards.

Braeview Academy

- A pupil capped as U16 Football Internationalist
- Two pupils represented Scotland at World Cheerleading Championships in Florida. They were awarded 1st place in the European section and 5th place in the World rankings.
- A group of pupils from the lower school graduated at Dundee Rep Theatre after a course of workshops designed to improve their confidence and self esteem. This was part of the School of Ambition project.
- "Curtain Up" – School Show to mark the end of the 10 year anniversary celebrations. The show was held in the newly upgraded Ambition Hall. The School of Ambition project funded the refurbishment of the Ambition Hall.
- A pupil was awarded an Axios 'A' Star Award for Computing Studies.
- A pupil was selected to attend the Scottish Space School in Edinburgh for a week in June.
- A group of S2 pupils participated in a Peer Mentoring Project as part of the quality contact programme. This involved them working with the new intake of S1 pupils at a variety of different events.
- Braeview Academy garden club were awarded a silver award in the Dundee in Bloom Awards.
- As part of the leadership project of School of Ambition, a group of 12 S3 pupils and 3 members of staff participated in a weeks residential in Skye with Columba 1400. The pupils and staff are now building on their experiences and will soon be running their own Braeview Leadership Academy.
- 10 S2 pupils have worked with the Greylodge project as part of their alternative curriculum.

Craigie High School

- Pupil Mentoring project set up and ran very successfully involving the entire S4 year group
- Launch of new lunchtime Youth Drop In centre in school for all pupils, with range of information on display and specialist agencies on hand to answer any questions
- Craigie High was the first Dundee secondary school to have in place and implement a Travel Plan for pupils and staff
- Opening of an Outdoor Classroom in April 2007 with funding secured by Craigie High School Eco-Committee
- Craigie pupil won first prize in McIntosh Patrick Award with her large watercolour entitled "Dream"
- S2 pupils took part in a Peer Education programme, where, after training, they worked with P5 pupils in our associated Primaries in an Anti-Smoking campaign
- Homework Review Group, including a parent representative, published a new policy document, where the main theme is the extension of learning from school to include a range of activities which can be completed at home via our Craigie Website
- In Football, Craigie Under 14 boys won the Urquhart Cup for all Dundee City schools, while the Under 16 boys won the Dundee United Cup for all Dundee City Schools
- Craigie Literacy Group ran a Word of the Week Competition for pupils with over 3700 entries, also two very successful Readathons for S1 and S2 pupils, all designed to encourage pupils to read, also set up reading website to be used by all pupils

Grove Academy

- A pupil was a key member of the Scottish Debating Team which won the World Debating Championships in Seoul, South Korea. Two pupils also won the International English Speaking Union Mace Competition held in the House of Lords
- A pupil won Dundee City Council's 'Young Musician of the Year' competition. A pupil was selected for the National Youth Girls Choir of Scotland and one was selected for the National Youth Boys' Choir of Scotland
- A pupil was selected to attend the NASA Space Camp in Houston, Texas
- the senior boys' team won the Scottish Schoolboys' Basketball 'B' Cup
- in the Scottish Schools' Team Swimming Championships the girls Open Age Group Medley Team were crowned Scottish Champions and were third in the freestyle Relay. The Open Age Boys' Team were beaten into second place by 0.07 of a second
- a pupil won the East District Schoolgirls golf championship at Carnoustie and another was 3rd. She also won the Junior Girls' Alfred Dunhill School Challenge at St Andrews Bay
- in the Dundee Schools' Cross Country Event the S1 girls, S1 boys, under-16 boys and over-16 boys teams won their events. The under 15 girls team was 2nd and the over 15 girls team was 3rd
- International Appearances: a pupil was in the Scottish Junior Mens' Basketball squad; a pupil won the 60m and 220m in the Scottish Junior Indoor Championships; a pupil was in the Scotland Squad in the UK Schools Games; and a pupil was in the Scottish Volleyball squad in the UK Schools competition in Coventry
- at the annual Technology Teachers Conference three Grove pupils were awarded prizes for computer graphics: a pupil, Higher, overall winner; a pupil, Advanced Higher, runner up; and a pupil, Standard Grade, runner up
- three pupils were each awarded Nuffield bursaries to pursue summer projects at Dundee University and the Scottish crop Research Institute.

Harris Academy

- 16 pupils gained a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and 25 pupils a silver award
- 4 pupils won the Strathmore Trophy Competition for Computing at the University of Dundee.
- A pupil represented Scotland under 17 ladies at football on numerous occasions throughout the year.
- The "Make Poverty History" group raised well over £1000 over the year and were awarded a "Young Quality Scot" Award.
- Our debating team were finalists in the "Scottish Debating Masters" Competition.
- Three S5 pupils were awarded Nuffied Science Bursaries which entitled them to spend 4 weeks during the summer holiday on a research project at an academic institution of their choice.
- 2 pupils won the senior and intermediate trophies in the St Andrews University Latin Recitation competitions.
- A pupil was Scottish School's Fencing Champion in all three disciplines epee, foil and sabre.
- An essay written by a pupil was selected by SQA to be published as being among the best examples of creative writing submitted by candidates across Scotland.
- Our pupils collected over 200 shoeboxes filled with gifts to be sent to Hungary and Romania.

Lawside RC Academy

- School won the Citizenship Award at the Focus of Achievement Award Ceremony 2006
- Two Citizenship conferences for all S3 pupils at West Park Centre in May 07, the first of its kind
- National School Magazine of the Year Competition - Lawside winners of the category Best ONLINE Presence
- A pupil won the McManus Award and another was a runner up both girls former S6 pupil
- Lawside RC Academy chosen to include Art work for the National Exhibition organised by SQA
- an S3 pupil elected a Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament
- a pupil won a place on the NASA Space School
- 8.7% achieved, by the end of S5, 5 or more A-C Highers highest ever
- Lawside achieved Gold Award Scottish Maths Council Challenge; a pupil won the McIntosh Patrick Award on Wednesday 5th Sept.

Menziesshill High School

- Behaviour for Learning - 180 Diamond and 60 Platinum awards in First to Third year. Every term, register classes with the most awards have visited Planet Earth in Edinburgh and we presented 37 individual BfL award winners with their prizes in the Caird Hall.
- Fund Raising - By working together with our local primary and nursery school communities we raised over £23,000 and have taken delivery of a brand new minibus. Sixth year charities committee raised £2,410 which was donated to the MS Society Scotland and Comic Relief. A Talent Show with eighteen acts helped raise over £900.
- Visits - pupils have visited France; the First World War battlefields; the Scottish and Westminster parliaments; the Botanic Gardens; Planet Earth; Hampden Park. The 'Determined to Broadcast' team visited the school in February allowing our pupils to compile a radio show using professional broadcasting equipment. A pupil visited the Space School at N.A.S.A. at the Johnston Space Centre in Houston, Texas and scientists from N.A.S.A. visited the school as did the Sci-Fi Road Show.

- Sport - 11 pupils have represented Scotland in their chosen sport, 5 have been training with their Great Britain teams and 3 pupils are members of their Olympic Squads. 10 Silver and 7 Bronze medals were won by our pupils at the Dundee Schools' Sports. A pupil won an individual gold medal in the Dundee Schools' Cross Country Championships and his team won the team gold medals. The under 14 football team won their league and were runners-up in their cup competition. The under 17 football team won the Grant trophy and the under 18 football team won the Johnstone trophy. The school volleyball team won their league and cup competitions. The first year boy's team won the Dundee Schools Basketball Festival. 3 pupils represented the school at the British Heart Foundation golf tournament. A new rugby club has been started in the school, involving boys of all ages.
- Exhibitions – A Health Promoting School Impact Day was held. The LRC held a successful Bookfair and books.fun club had a successful year. 'A Creative Journey' an exhibition of the work of pupils, staff and former pupils was held in the Hannah McClure Centre in the University of Abertay, Dundee.
- Awards – a pupil won the Silver Leng Medal competition. A pupil was first runner-up in the Harry McLevy Memorial Award. A pupil was runner up in the Ex-Lord Provost McManus Award for Citizenship. A group of pupils gained awards at the International Plastic Model Society's National Competition in Perth. Our ECDL pupils achieved 52 module test passes. The school has received its Bronze and Silver 'Health at Work' awards and we have also introduced a healthy tuckshop and a healthy breakfast club for pupils.
- Web Site – A new Menzieshill High School web site was launched in the spring term.
- Peer Support – 30 sixth year pupils underwent peer support training to work with S1 pupils.

Morgan Academy

- HMle Report identified key strengths as; successful Study Support developments; very successful Easter Study School with 20 staff and 80+ pupils involved each day over 6 days during the Easter Holiday
- Very successful S6 residential study/outdoor activities weekend to Dalguise, involving 40 pupils and 9 staff
- SQA Examination results up in a number of areas with significant increases in aspects of S4 attainment
- a S6 pupil who represented Morgan Academy and Dundee at the NASA Space School.
- Very successful trip to France with two buses carrying 70 pupils and 8 staff
- Very successful Peer Education Programme, with trained S3 pupils becoming mentors to all associated primary 7 pupils. This programme has once more made it through to the final of the 2007 Focus of Achievement Awards in the Partnership category.
- Raising Achievement Group won the Focus on Achievement Award 2006 for the Supporting Pupils to Raise Attainment.
- S6 pupil won the Focus on Achievement 2006 Vocalist of the Year Award.
- Very successful Charity Fund Raising Group (which last session won the Lord Provost Award for Citizenship) and has for the 3rd year running made it to the final of this year's Focus on Achievement Awards.

St John's High School

- Pupils raised £5,800 for charities (SCIAF, primary school in Uganda, Barnardos House, Kenya, MacMillan nurses, Dundee Homeless units, St Vincent de Paul, Children 1st, Breast Cancer)
- A pupil won the British Nutrition Foundation awards for the highest mark in knowledge and understanding in Standard Grade Home Economics
- A pupil won a place in the Careers Scotland/NASA summer school
- 3 pupils (S3), (S2) and (S2) won gold awards in the United Kingdom Mathematical Trust Challenge
- a pupil is the champion in the Irish Open at novice level for ice skating, and a pupil is the British Ladies Junior Champion, the Scottish and Welsh Senior Ladies Champion, and won a bronze medal at European level in ice skating

- a pupil is the Scottish Junior Champion for speed skating
- a pupil has won first and second awards in figure skating, trampolining and gymnastics
- a pupil is the current Masters Champion U18 and a pupil is the current Scottish Open Champion in eightball pool
- two pupils are in the Scotland U18 Ladies squad for football
- a pupil is a Scottish U18 internationalist in football

St Saviour's High School

- School garden, looked after by pupils, won a gold award in Dundee in Bloom competition.
- An S2 pupil was successful in the competition to design a logo for Dundee in Bloom.
- Seven pupils gained awards in the U.K. Intermediate Mathematical Challenge --- 2 gold, 1 silver and 4 bronze.
- A group of S2 pupils successfully completed a course aimed at developing their ICT literacy skills.
- S2--S5 pupils adapted Charterman pack for use in primary schools.
- S4 girl was selected to play football for Scotland Under 16's.