

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 26 JANUARY 2009

**REPORT ON: EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES:
2008-09**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

REPORT NO: 7-2009

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report brings to the attention of the Education Committee the progress made on meeting the improvement objectives set by the Education Department for 2007-08, and summarises new objectives for this session, 2008-09. The report also highlights notable achievements made by all Dundee's schools in the course of session 2007-08.

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 2007-08;
- ii. approve the revised improvement objectives for session 2008-09;
- iii. instruct the Director of Education to bring forward a report in October 2009 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 Service Plan 2008-11. This work is funded by the Department's Revenue Budget.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 The Education Department has produced a new Service Plan, 2008-11, in which it has set out the themes and targets necessary to improve the effectiveness of the service delivered by the Department. There are ten themes, grouped into three key objectives: *Creating the best conditions for learning; Supporting children and young people; and Supporting and developing partnerships.*

4.2 The Department measures the effectiveness of its performance by reference to:

- a set of annual 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);
- relevant elements of Dundee's Single Outcome Agreement with the Scottish Government; and
- relevant statutory performance indicators set by Audit Scotland

4.3 This report acknowledges the significant progress that was made last session, especially in:

- the opening of the new PPP schools;
- the increase in pupils' attainment in national levels in reading, writing and mathematics in our primary schools;
- the improved attainment performance across all measures in S5 and S6;
- the significant reduction in all exclusion measures;
- continuing very good work of the Youth Music Initiative;
- the development of information and communications technologies in teaching and learning as one of the pathfinder authorities in Scotland developing the use of the GLOW intranet (GLOW is the national intranet for education in Scotland);
- the establishment of Parent Councils in every school;
- the advances in the field of health promotion; and
- the strong provision for and engagement of our teachers in continuous professional development activities.

4.4 The report also sets out the realistic goals and targets which the Education Department now aims to achieve, some in session 2008-09 and others over the life of the Service Plan.

4.5 The Department will henceforth report progress on service delivery to the Education Committee, as required in the Council's planning guidelines.

4.6 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.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been screened for any implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environment Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

5.2 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

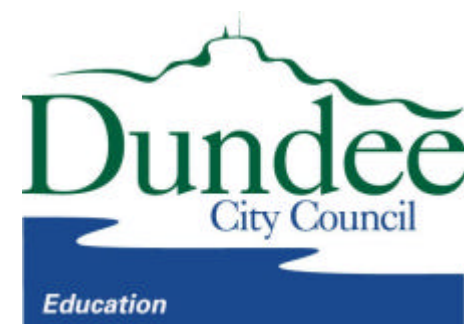
7.1 None

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Department Service Plan

Improvement Objectives: 2008-09

*This document should be read in conjunction with the
Education Department Service Plan: 2008-2011*



Introduction

The drive to raise levels of attainment in all of Dundee's young people lies right at the heart of our new Service Plan. It is the key message behind our statement of commitment, in which we make clear our intention to maximise opportunities for all young people, by creating the best conditions for learning and working in partnership with colleagues in other Council departments and external agencies. Partnership working is essential if we are to overcome the difficulties and barriers to learning brought about by high levels of deprivation and disadvantage, evidenced, for instance, by the growing number of children and young people looked after by the local authority.

In spite of these difficulties, the Education Department continues to develop and improve its performance in the different aspects of the service it delivers. In the arts and cultural activities, in health promotion, in the development of robust quality improvement procedures, in our leadership strategy, in our ground-breaking work in the field of Information Technology, in our developing partnership with parents and carers, and in our work to support those of our young people with additional support needs, the effectiveness of our performance has been impressive and remarked upon by external observers, most notably Her Majesty's Inspectors. We have also seen pockets of success in raising levels of academic attainment in individual schools, or at particular stages in the different sectors, but sustained success across the board continues to elude us, and that is why all our efforts and concentration are focused on this task.

Recognition that this is not a task we can undertake alone comes from the prominence given to raising attainment in Dundee City Council's own corporate Service Plan, and in the Single Outcome Agreement with the Scottish Government. Success will breed greater confidence and increased self-esteem, which in turn will help to prepare our young people to take their rightful place as adults in the world of work or further learning; and this is the second great commitment we share with the Council and wider community, viz. that fewer of our young people will leave school without a positive destination to enter.

We are required to publish details of our improvement objectives, of the progress we made in those we set last session, and of those we have set at the outset of our new Service Plan, and that is the purpose of this report. However, the Service Plan is a comprehensive document and I would urge everyone to become thoroughly familiar with it in order to understand the vision and direction the Department is seeking to follow over the next three years. The commitment to continuous improvement is clear, and I remain confident that, with the continuing loyal support of all our staff, we will be able to report real and meaningful progress.



Anne Wilson
Director of Education



- AIMS**
- 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

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

- AIMS**
- 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

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

We will maximise opportunities for all our young people. We will continue to create the best conditions for learning. We will work with all our partners to support young people to attain and achieve the highest levels of performance, and to be responsible citizens ready for the world of further learning, training and work.

- WE VALUE**
- learning at home
 - achievement for all
 - ambition and success

- WE VALUE**
- attending school
 - responsible behaviour
 - respect for all

- WE VALUE**
- early learning
 - parents as partners

Annual Improvement Objectives Report: 2007-08

Area of Work	No.	Target, 2007-08	Report on Performance	Target, 2008-09 as set out in the Service Plan, 2008-11
Pupil Attainment	1	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	Levels of attainment continue to improve in primary schools. More pupils than previously are attaining or exceeding national expectations in reading, writing and mathematics. Over the period 2006-08 the proportion of pupils gaining appropriate national levels in reading increased by 2.6%, in writing by 5.9%, and in mathematics by 3.2%. Attainment Reviews are held in all schools at which schools are accountable for their performance, and supported and challenged to seek improvement.	The 2007-08 target continues to be an appropriate target <i>(Annual Improvement Objective)</i>
	2	Achieve a common understanding of assessment and reporting between the sectors, concentrating on the principle of transition	The assessment sub-group has worked with English and Maths departments to co-ordinate transitional work around the most recent SEED assessment guidelines. Ongoing moderation events have been set up to support this further. Part of our ' <i>Curriculum for Excellence</i> ' development work has seen cross-sectoral curriculum reference groups set up and working to plan for the implications of progression towards the new 3-15 outcomes (Dundee is piloting the 3-15 outcomes in writing).	The 2007-08 target continues to be an appropriate target <i>(Annual Improvement Objective)</i>
	3	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%	The S4 targets for session 2007/2008 were based for the first time on individual pupil performance rather than whole cohort performance. Their accuracy has varied from school to school and further work will be required to ensure meaningful targets are set. Performance at S5 and S6 in session 2007-08 was very positive, showing increases across all measures even at the pre-appeal stage.	Increase performance in all S4-S6 measures, and achieve a target of 90% of pupils attaining English and Maths at SCQF level 3 or above by the end of S4 <i>(Annual Improvement Objective)</i>
	4	Continue to increase the average tariff score	Tariff scores in S4 in 2006-07 remained at 144, the same as the previous session. The 2007-08 figures are not yet available.	Achieve an average tariff score in S4 of 149 <i>(Single Outcome Agreement)</i>

Area of Work	No.	Target, 2007-08	Report on Performance	Target, 2008-09 as set out in the Service Plan, 2008-11
Pupil Attainment, cont'd	5	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	The net increase in this measure over the three years to 2006-07 has been 12%. Figures are not yet available for session 2007-08.	<p>Increase the %age of looked after children in Dundee achieving at least one qualification at SCQF level 3 or above (Single Outcome Agreement)</p> <p>Increase the %age of looked after children attaining both English and Maths at SCQF level 3 or above (Single Outcome Agreement)</p>
	6	All pupils will have access to one year's free music tuition through the Youth Music Initiative Scheme by the time they reach P6	The Youth Music Initiative programme is firmly embedded, and Scottish targets have been exceeded. All pupils have access to one year's free music tuition by the time they reach P5.	Target achieved (Annual Improvement Objective)
Pupil Achievement	7	Increase the percentage of young people participating in cultural activities from 10% to 13%	19.3% of P4 - S6 pupils have been involved in a variety of extra-curricular/out of school hours cultural activities. This sees an increase of 9.3% in session 2007-08. In addition, Youth Music Initiative funding has allowed the Education Department to develop and deliver cultural programmes in all of our schools. This includes: a percussion residency in all secondary schools for S3/S4 pupils; a guitar programme for S1/S2; the development of the Optimusic Technology programme in Kingspark; the 'Beat It' percussion programme for all pupils in P4/P5; a music literacy and numeracy programme for P2/P3; and a combined music and arts programme for Early Years.	Increase further the %age of young people participating in cultural activities (Annual Improvement Objective)
	8	Maintain target of all primary pupils having at least 1 enterprise experience	As part of our ongoing work with the 'Learning Together in Dundee' and 'Determined to Succeed' programmes, this target has been surpassed. All pupils are participating in a range of individual enterprising activities, and enterprising learning is an integral feature of their classwork.	Target achieved
	9	Maintain target of ensuring that all staff	This has been achieved. A wide range of staff development	Target achieved

	have development opportunities in enterprise education	opportunities is available through CPD online. In addition, staff have an opportunity to apply for work place experience in subject-related areas. A number of staff, through the ' <i>Dare to be Digital</i> ' schools challenge with Abertay University, have benefited from direct industry experience.	
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School Leaver Destinations	10	Achieve a percentage of 88% of school leavers entering a positive destination	The percentage of school leavers entering a positive destination rose from 81% in 2006-07 to 85% in 2007-08.	The 2007-08 target continues to be an appropriate target <i>(Annual Improvement Objective)</i>
Attendance	11	Continue to improve attendance rates across the city	The overall Dundee attendance figure has risen steadily from 91.8% in 2005-06 to 92.2% in 2006-07, and then to 92.6% last session. This reflects a rise which has taken place in all three sectors, primary, secondary and special education.	The 2007-08 target continues to be an appropriate target <i>(Annual Improvement Objective)</i>
	12	All schools have effective Parent Councils in place	All schools now have an active Parent Council, meeting on a regular basis.	Target achieved
	13	Parental Involvement Officer supports schools	The Parental Involvement Officer supports Parent Councils and works with the Parent Council Support Group, who are actively involved in policy consultation and will meet biannually with the Director of Education and Education Convener to discuss issues. Many parents have been trained in fair selection to support them in their participation in promoted post interviews, and a menu of training is available covering a wide range of further issues	Target achieved
	14	Hold a good practice roadshow to share information	A parental roadshow has been organised for November 2008 in the Caird Hall to showcase best practice in parental involvement across the city: all schools and Parent Councils will be involved.	Target achieved

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Equality	15	Support all children with additional support needs through joint programmes of assessment and intervention	A new programme, ' <i>Shared Assessment and Planning for Transition</i> ', incorporating guidance notes and pro-formas, has been developed to promote equality and inclusion for children with additional support needs as they transfer from one sector of education to another.	The 2007-08 target continues to be an appropriate target <i>(Annual Improvement Objective)</i>
	16	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	All nursery, primary and secondary Head Teachers attended a half-day training event in November 2007 on equality, inclusion and anti-discrimination practice in schools. Training on equality and diversity was given to all primary Newly Qualified Teachers in February 2008.	Ensure appropriate training continues to be available in equalities and child protection to allow Head Teachers to discharge their statutory responsibility to provide training opportunities for all their staff <i>(Annual Improvement Objective)</i>
	17	Continue to develop and deliver mainstream autism outreach support training	The establishment of an Outreach Planning Group has facilitated improved communications, planning and delivery of the outreach service. New referrals forms have been developed for the service.	Target achieved <i>(Annual Improvement Objective)</i>
	18	Reduce the number of days lost through exclusion	There has been a significant reduction in all exclusion measures in 2007-08. For instance, the total number of half-days lost was 9273, compared to 11667 the previous session, a drop of 14.99% in the primary sector and 21.74% in secondary.	Exclusion measures continue to show a decrease with reference to all children, including those who are looked after <i>(Annual Improvement Objective)</i>
Child Protection	19	Make available training at different levels to all staff as appropriate	A slide presentation, with notes, has been prepared and will be delivered by all education establishments on the first day of session 2008-09. Training for Education staff is available throughout the year at basic, intermediate and advanced level. The Dundee Children and Young Persons Protection Committee has established links, including with the University of Dundee, to organise joint training for local authority staff. Child Protection awareness is included as an item in a school's self-evaluation as part of the Annual Review process.	Target achieved (see item 16); a rolling programme of training activities will continue to be offered

Area of Work	No.	Target, 2007-08	Report on Performance	Target, 2008-09 as set out in the Service Plan, 2008-11
Health	20	Continue to support all establishments to be health promoting, and increase further the number of accreditations	All schools continue to embrace health improvement. 26 establishments have now gained Health Promoting School accreditation.	The 2007-08 target continues to be an appropriate target <i>(Annual Improvement Objective)</i>
	21	Encourage schools to consider and develop the health of staff, including participation in Healthy Working Lives	All establishments are developing the health and well being of staff, utilising partner agencies for further support in this area.	Target achieved
	22	Continue to demonstrate improvement in the oral health of pupils	Most recent evidence available indicates 2.5% improvement in the oral health of our young people. The 'Childsmile' initiative is being extended across the city. Funding was allocated to provide additional free fruit to all nursery children.	The 2007-08 target continues to be an appropriate target <i>(Single Outcome Agreement)</i>
	23	Increase participant sessions by a further 10%	Data from SportsScotland shows a 17% increase in active sports participant sessions.	Increase participant sessions in active sports <i>(Annual Improvement Objective)</i>
	24	Increase the numbers working within the programme to 292	Numbers working within the active sports programme have increased to 348.	Increase the numbers delivering the active sports programme <i>(Annual Improvement Objective)</i>
ECO Schools and Sustainability	25	15 additional schools to achieve an award	This has been achieved. 27 schools have achieved bronze, 7 silver and 2 have achieved Green Flag status. All schools are registered and working towards certification in the ECO Schools programme.	Work towards all schools achieving an Eco Schools award <i>(Annual Improvement Objective)</i>

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Staff Development	26	Show increased uptake in use of CPD Online	There is strong general support for CPD in schools and services, evidenced by an increase of 13.2% in the number of online 'hits', an increase of 0.2% in the number of users, and an increase in the number of applications for CPD activities and the number authorised (27% and 28% respectively).	Evaluations from CPD Online show an increase in levels of both CPD uptake and positive impact of CPD on classroom practice and work efficiency. <i>(Annual Improvement Objective)</i>
	27	6 nursery, 20 primary and 3 secondary Head Teachers will be reviewed	During session 2007-08 alone, 4 nursery, 22 primary (19 full and 3 interim) and 5 secondary (2 full and 3 interim) Head Teachers were reviewed. The HT review cycle is now established.	Target achieved; all Head Teachers will have had a full review by the end of session 2008-09
Staff Absence	28	Improvement is required in rates of absence for teachers and manual/craft workers to achieve the targets of 3.8% and 6.3% respectively	Absence levels as at May 2008 were: former APT&C - 5.2%; manual/craft - 6.3%; and teachers - 4.2%. Human Resources staff continue to work with managers to manage absence effectively, providing training and direct assistance. Management information is provided on long-term absence, and over the next 6-12 months ' <i>Resourcelink</i> ' should be developed to provide accurate short-term 'trigger' reports.	The indicators are 4.2% (teachers), 5.2% (APT&C) and 6.3% (manual/craft). <i>(Statutory Performance Indicator)</i>
	29	Maintain the rate for APT&C staff, which is already better than the original target of 5.2%		
School Occupancy Levels	30	Increase by 10% the percentage of schools meeting the criteria of 61% - 100% capacity	With the opening of the new merged PPP schools, the percentage of schools meeting the criteria will increase by 13.8% in 2008-09 to 70%.	Awaiting new Government arrangements <i>(Statutory Performance Indicator)</i>
Free School Meals	31	Continuing improvements to the arrangements for claiming free meals should result in a further 5% increase in uptake	Following the 3.3% increase in 2006-07, there was a slight reduction of 1.5% last session. An increase of 5% remains the target.	Awaiting new Government arrangements <i>(Statutory Performance Indicator)</i>
Overall School Performance	32	These are new performance indicators	n/a	Increase the proportion of schools and pre-school centres receiving positive inspection reports <i>(Single Outcome Agreement)</i>

SCHOOL AND PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS 2007-08

PRIMARY SECTOR

Ancrum Rd

- Doors Open Day gave our pupils an opportunity to 'showcase' our school. A large number of visitors attended, showing their appreciation by writing positive comments and letters, our pupils' enthusiasm and politeness being of particular note. The pupil guides displayed a mature, responsible approach to their roles.
- Over 200 pupils, parents and staff enjoyed our Ceilidh at the end of our Scots Focus. Visits to Lochee Women's Guild and a visit from Sheena Wellington allowed pupils to share their achievements with a wider audience.
- Our enterprising P.7s organised two charity projects. Sports Relief and CHAS benefited from their hard work. Our P.1s raised money for Ninewells Children's Ward by performing a Nativity for friends & family. Two P.5 pupils raised money for Cancer Research through a sponsored swim.
- Our website continues to flourish with our dedicated web team guided by a member of staff. Links to our online newsletter – *Ancrum Matters* and our P.7 blog '*ARC – Tell the World*' ensure that information is engaging, up to date and very informative.
- Greg Beckett, a P.7 pupil, was nominated for an award by the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. He had an exciting visit to London to attend a prestigious ceremony. There he was able to experience an Oscar like evening, mixing with a number of celebrities and receiving 'goody' bags. Although he didn't win, the publicity his achievement received resulted in a Scottish company giving him a free set of bagpipes.
- Primary 1 writers had their poetry published by 'My First Poem'.
- 'The Singing Children of Africa' visited Ancrum in June 2008. This built on our successful 'Malawi Partnership' which has raised over £2000. The African children performed a number of songs. This was reciprocated by our mini pipe band and fiddlers who played some Scots songs. Everyone became more aware of their role as a Global Citizen as we talked, played and shared lunch together.
- The Quality Contact Team led our P.7s through an enterprising dining room 'makeover'. Working over a number of months our dining areas were transformed using a Victorian theme. The successful launch was underpinned with a lot of preparation and planning which resulted in a fantastic day enjoyed by pupils, parents, staff and invited guests.
- Visits to Lochee Library were arranged by our Enhanced Literacy Teachers. This resulted in increased membership of the library by Ancrum Pupils. A number of pupils completed the Summer Reading Scheme receiving medals and certificates at an awards ceremony.
- Three pupils received prizes from Margaret Kennedy of NHS Tayside. They designed posters highlighting the importance of hand hygiene.

Ardler

- P7 performed on stage at the Rep as part of the SPARK project.
- P5/6 performed at Camperdown House as part of the outdoor theatre production of the re-enactment of Admiral Duncan and The Battle of Camperdown.
- Easter Fayre for the Ardler Community.
- P2's project on China which involved parents and the wider community.
- P4 held a Bring and Buy sale which bought a Wii and a donation to Dundee Disabled children.
- P1 were part of a pilot programme using a Wii. Their theme was the Olympics.
- A very successful 'Money Week' was held in conjunction with the Credit Union.
- The Candlelight Nativity Concert, led by P4, was performed to a packed Church.
- Matthew Fitt (author) led Scottish writing workshops with pupils and the school hosted a city wide workshop for staff.
- Every pupil in the school entered the Spring Flower Show.
- The Parent Council contributed to our Behaviour Management Policy.

Barnhill

- As well as maintaining and updating our school website, a school blog was set up to provide a world wide audience for the achievements and successes of Barnhill pupils. All stages of the school contribute to the blog, both from school and home. Parents have also been encouraged to become 'Barnhill bloggers' and were invited to the school for a lesson on using the blog provided by the Primary 7 pupils.
- Primary 7 took part in a national trial project linked to Curriculum for Excellence in Modern Languages using GLOW. They worked collaboratively with fellow pupils from Forthill Primary School in Dundee and

also with a few pupils and their teacher from Lairdsland Primary School in Glasgow. The pupils self and peer assessed the work they undertook. They produced Powerpoint presentations incorporating video clips, sound files, graphics and clip art images. Their presentations provided information on Café Culture in France and incorporated the use of French language where appropriate.

- At Christmas, Primary 6b and both Primary 4 classes ran enterprise projects to raise money to purchase Christmas gifts for children with whom Barnardos in Dundee were working. A variety of Christmas decorations were made and sold to friends, family and staff by Primary 6 and fridge magnets were made and sold by Primary 4 to their families. The pupils selected the Christmas gifts and purchased them on-line and wrapped and delivered the gifts to Barnardos. In total, 20 sacks full of gifts were donated to the charity.
- Barnhill had a number of sporting achievements over the session particularly the winning of the Dundee East Championship and the Angus Inter Schools' Cup by the boys' football team. Our team of twelve swimmers won the Inter Schools' Swimming Gala at Monifieth High School and a large number of our gymnasts from P 3-7 participated in the Dundee Gymnastics tournament, with one of the teams winning the gold medal in the Level 2 competition. The Gymnastics club also raised a significant amount of money for 4 chosen charities at their annual display to parents.
- We held our first Primary 7 prom for the school leavers in June. This was a great success with children enjoying a disco and buffet as their end of session treat.
- The Parent Association worked hard to secure a grant from the National Lottery Fund to improve the playground. A log adventure trail was purchased and erected in the playground and a successful launch afternoon was held for former Primary 7 pupils in the summer holidays. The current pupils now enjoy having fun on this new equipment.
- As part of our Health Promoting Schools agenda a Fit Club was established. One lunch time a week children who do not normally take part in sporting activities are encouraged to come along and do gentle exercise to improve fitness and to learn more about good nutrition. Many children attended over the course of this session.
- An Eco-School committee was established this session, jointly organised by our new Parent Council and staff members. Pupils from all stages of the school were also represented on this committee and all worked hard to complete an eco audit. This will assist the school in looking at an action plan for next session and will inform us of the areas where we need to devote time and attention to improve the eco environment of our school.
- The Primary 6 and Primary 2 pupils participated in the Book Project. Primary 6 children enjoyed reading to the younger children and at the end of the project all the pupils went to an event in the Whitehall Theatre to find out the winning book. The Primary 6 pupils subsequently made a photo story of the project which was shared at assembly and displayed in the entrance to the Educational Development Service in Dundee.
- Children across the school became far more knowledgeable about different learning strategies and styles through the use of Learning Together in Dundee. Pupils talk about their learning intentions and success criteria and often participate in peer and self assessment activities.

Blackness

- All classes took part in a successful Health Week which included activities from yoga to tasting of sprouted seeds.
- P7 pupils took part in a day long event in association with THE SPACE which explored the dangers of smoking through dance and drama.
- A team of P6 pupils reached the final in the city's Euro Quiz.
- Two P5 pupils were chosen to represent the school at SetPoint's KNex festival.
- P5 pupils worked alongside a PHD student from Dundee University to design communication apparatus for children with speech difficulties.
- Pupils from all stages took part in our Christmas Musical Scrooge... A Ghost of a Chance.
- The British Heart Foundation was supported throughout the year in memory of our former pupil Yusef Abubaker. The school raised a total of £1923.20.
- Pupils, Parents and Staff worked tirelessly to create a garden area in the school grounds in association with the Royal Bank of Scotland's Supergrounds Project.
- Blackness Netball Team won the summer league.
- Blackness celebrated World Book Day with a "dress as a book character" event. Activities around the school on that day promoted reading enjoyment.
- P6/7 took part in The Dundee Picture Book Awards. After creating a display for Blackness Library the class went on to present the awards ceremony at the Whitehall Theatre.

Brackens

- At the Education Department' Focus on Achievement Award Ceremony Brackens was presented with the Lord Provost's Award for Citizenship and was shortlisted for the Multi Cultural Award.

- 73 P7 pupils and 15 staff from Ardler, Brackens and Macalpine Primaries spent a weekend at Dalguise Outdoor Centre near Dunkeld. The pupils had the opportunity to try out a number of adventure activities including abseil, climbing wall, archery and giant swing.
- To mark the closure of Brackens the whole school performed 'Bye Bye Brackens' to parents, friends and invited guests. The school received many letters and cards remarking on the fantastic effort and enjoyable performances. In addition each pupil at the school received a paper weight with the school badge and years of opening and closing inscribed in it.
- Our football team continued to do well and reached the final of the Cameron Cup.
- At the end of June the whole school travelled to Craigtoun Park for a fun day out. During the morning our P6 and P7 pupils took part in the Tesco 2k run. The weeks of training had obviously paid off.!
- After learning about living conditions in Africa, P3/4 ran a very successful café raising around £300 for Christian Aid.
- In September 2007 Brackens along with Ardler and St Fergus ran a very successful Health Week. Pupils had opportunity to try a variety of physical activities including skateboarding, dancing and golf. They also focussed on Healthy Eating.
- Throughout the year the school continued to support various charities including the Lawside Romanian Orphanage Appeal and, as part of the harvest appeal, donating toiletries to senior citizens in the Ardler Community.
- Pupils and staff from Brackens and Macalpine came together on a number of occasions to work towards merger and prepare for the opening of Craigowl Primary School. They enjoyed events such as an Easter Egg Hunt, Ceilidhs and meeting for lunch.
- P4/5 had a very successful Open Afternoon which was organised by the class as part of Enterprise Education. During the afternoon parents and visitors were able to find about the children's learning, buy items from the stall and were served refreshments.

Charleston

- Our school received a very positive Follow Through report from HMIE and the report was published in June 2008.
- Our P6/7 took part in the Playhouse Project that involved our P6/7 class teacher and our RCT teacher directing and producing a play specially written for children to perform. There was an excellent turnout of parents to watch their children perform 'Ginger Jones' at the Rep in November 2007. A huge success boosting confidence and promoting citizenship.
- At the 2007 Focus on Achievement Awards, our Nursery project, Margo's Garden, was nominated for the Lord Provost's Award for Citizenship.
- Our P6/7, led by the P6/7 teacher, had a very successful enterprising venture with Cauliflower Christmas Cards and associated Christmas items for sale for charity. This has fired them up with lots of enterprising ideas for this session.
- One of our P5 children was a winner in the Energy Project Calendar Competition and attended the award ceremony with her mother.
- We had a very successful Sport Relief Day when the children came dressed as famous sportsmen and sportswomen to take part in the day's activities. As well as raising money, the use of the website raised awareness and provided opportunities for enterprise in the curriculum.
- We also have a partnership with Dundee College and a group of sports students run activity sessions with one of our classes as part of the health promoting school.
- We reviewed our Positive Behaviour Policy and decided to emphasise the positive more by rewarding the children who always 'stay on green' i.e. the children who always work hard, behave well and do their best. At the end of each term all the children who stayed on green/had sufficient posi points attended the reward, a puppet show, a circus skills workshop and a grand concert. All staff also enjoyed the reward while those 'not on green' worked with the HT or DHT.
- In February 2008, our Breakfast Club hosted a BIG BREAKFAST and was extremely well supported by our families raising nearly £200.
- Our Parent Council organised a super Easter Egg Hunt for fun and it attracted over 100 children and their families – a great success!

Claypotts Castle

- Winners of The Burgess Cup at football.
- Winners of The Wave 102 Christmas song competition
- Winners of the Christmas Eco Tree Competition at the Overgate Centre.
- Winners of the Healthy Heart Competition at the Overgate Centre.
- Eco Bronze Award.
- Participants in LTiD Good Practice Film.

- Successful Cluster Primary 3 Health & Activity Day.
- Signing Choir raised £600 for charity (Sensory Charity).
- Tour Guides of Claypotts Castle in conjunction with Historic Scotland.
- Primary 3's have produced a film in conjunction with Tayside Fire Brigade about Dangers Around Fires.

Cleington

- As part of Enterprising Education P7 pupils produced a year book .The year book included interviews with staff, memories of their time at Cleington and photographs of present and past events.
- Improving communication between home and school was the reason for the birth of the school newspaper 'The Cleppiograph'. It is written and published by a number of P7 pupils with the support of two teachers, Mrs Bell and Mrs Kernahan. It has proved to be a great success with pupils, parents and staff.
- P1 teachers and staff from Wallacetown Nursery have been working together to further develop the transition from nursery to P1. The main focus was improving the class environment and planned opportunities for play and a more active approach to learning. Within this development 'Maths on the Move' was established to improve the early pace and progression of maths through active learning.
- Representatives from the George Lucas Foundation from the USA visited P6 pupils to see for themselves how ICT is integrated into the curriculum. The pupils used Nintendo Wii to enhance their learning in science in particular. They competed in their own 'Planet Olympics'.
- Three P6 pupils enrolled in 'Space School' which they attended weekly, culminating in the opportunity to attend a week at space camp.
- Parents and pupils enjoyed watching P3 pupils perform 'Billy No Buzz' a musical drama about a bee who lost his buzz. P2 pupils who had been working with Scottish Dance Theatre on the 'Hungry Caterpillar' also performed for parents.
- Cleington pupils supported a number of fund raising initiatives. P4 pupils raised £500 for TCCL, a local charity for children with cancer, while P2 children raised £1000 for Sports Relief. All our children enjoyed our 'Crazy Hair Day' which raised £500 for Children in Need.
- Being green is a hot issue in Cleington School and we have a number of recycling activities including the collection of paper, glass and plastic. We have also organised a Rag Bag Collection on three occasions and have raised £240 which will be used to develop an outdoor classroom.
- There have been a number of sporting successes for Cleington pupils this year. Three P7 girls came third in Scotland in a gymnastics competition. The football team won the Thomson Cup and the hockey team won a number of tournaments.
- Cleington School received their Bronze Award for Health Promotion and are already well on their way to meeting the criteria for the silver award.

Craigiebarns

- We held a Textile Recycling Day on Tuesday 28th August. Parents were asked to give their children a bin liner to bring into school filled with old textiles to be recycled. We managed to collect 560 kg of textiles and the school received £168 for this. The money was used to support environmental initiatives in the school.
P6 VICTORIAN DAY
- In September, as part of their Victorian topic, both P6 classes held a 'Victorian Day' – children and teachers were dressed for the part, classrooms were rearranged and children took part in activities such as 'old-fashioned' handwriting. The children have never worked so quietly!
WAVE 102 COMPETITION WINNER
- Jodie Shevlin, P7a, won a competition run by Wave 102 and Disk Depot to design a mouse mat. The competition was open to all primary school children in Dundee and so it was an amazing feat for Jodie to come up with the winning design. The prize was a computer and a set of 50 mouse mats for the school and a bag of goodies for Jodie.
GINGER JONES AND THE SULTAN'S EYE
- P7a and Miss Ballantine took part in the Playhouse Project during the winter term. The project is a creative arts project aimed at developing pupils' speaking and listening skills and staff's creative teaching and drama skills. The children received training on developmental performance for the professional stage and received advice and support from professional theatre practitioners. All their hard work culminated in a performance of 'Ginger Jones and the Sultan's Eye' at the Dundee Rep watched by family and friends. This was a fantastic learning experience for both staff and pupils.
ENTERPRISE WEEK
- Each class was asked to produce a book for this event. Mrs Martin and Mrs Smith visited classes to look at the prototypes before giving the go ahead for the books to go into production. Each stage produced a different genre – quiz, puzzle, joke, ABC, 1, 2, 3 – and they were on sale for £2.50 each in the run up to Christmas. The finished products looked very professional and made super Christmas presents!
CROSS COUNTRY
- At the beginning of December, twenty children from P6 and P7 went to Dawson Park to compete in a Cluster Cross Country competition. Around 60 children took part and Craigiebarns did very well winning seven medals, three gold, two silver and two bronze. Furthermore, the attitude of the children participating was excellent with everyone encouraging each other and cheering each other on.
CRAIGIEBARNS CHOIR
- The school choir attended the Arbroath Music Festival on the 7th of March at The Old Arbroath Abbey. They sang against Carlogie Primary. Unfortunately they lost by 87 to 88 but they tried their best and had lots of fun!

Dens Road

- Primary one group of pupils, their parents, teacher, DHT, staff tutor (ICT) accompanied Teresa Mungall to Scottish Parliament to a reception with Microsoft. This was attended by Fiona Hyslop, Education Secretary. Our pupils demonstrated their skills with a range of technology.
- 'Make your footsteps count' fundraiser raised £1000 for Caring for Kids
- A successful year for our girls' football team who won the Lochee Challenge Cup. The Boys' team won their league section and were runners up in the Junior Sports Cup
- Our Athletics team were the Fun in Athletics winners.
- A successful year for our netball teams – P6 team won the Miss Ward trophy 2008 and the P7 team won the Director's Trophy
- The nursery children and staff made a garden area to be enjoyed by the nursery children for outdoor play and by the primary school pupils as a quiet area. This garden was opened in June by Mrs Cram, a teacher who was retiring. The opening ceremony was followed by a garden party for all staff and pupils.
- Dens Road Primary School was awarded the gold award as a Health Promoting School.
- P7 were the winners of Safetaysiders competition organised by Tayside Police in September 2007.
- Christy Shepherd, P6, designed the Christmas card chosen by Cllr Keenan as his 2007 Christmas card.
- Our P6 class put on an excellent performance of Alice in the News at Dundee Rep in February 2008 as a result of being involved in the SPARKS project.

Downfield

- Raised nearly £2000 for Rwanda Cow Appeal. The villagers bought a cow and named it 'Useful'. With the rest of the money they bought some goats and the services of a vet.
- School football team 'did the treble'. They won the League, the Cameron Cup and the Banks Trophy.
- Primaries 4 and 5 took part in 'Beat It!' for 6 weeks learning how to play different types of drums and about rhythm and team work. Gave a final performance for their parents.

- Pupils took part in a Scottish Afternoon at Kirkton Community Centre performing singing, dancing and recitation for local senior citizens.
- A number of Health Afternoons were held throughout the year involving all the school. Activities were arranged in the school as well as Charlotte Park and Kirkton and Ardler Community Centres supported by external agencies.
- Awarded Silver Eco Award. Took part in the Rag Bag Collection and pupils made re-cycled paper.
- Two pupils won calendar competition for the Dundee Energy Efficiency Advice Project. Their art work appeared in February and July in the calendar.
- Downfield supported a number of charities throughout the year – Alzheimer's Dundee (£75), Eagle's Wings £290, Rwanda Cow Appeal, The Big Hush for Cancer (2890), Seeds for Africa (£75).
- All pupils took part in Christmas Enterprise projects for the Christmas Fair making a wide variety of Christmas decorations, cards, gifts and also our own CD of Christmas songs.

Eastern

- The whole school achieved the Bronze Eco Award.
- P2 had a very successful 'Shoe box' Christmas appeal filling and wrapping over 60 boxes.
- Mrs Allan and the P4/5 gardening club won a Gold certificate at the recent Broughty Ferry in Bloom Gardens and Allotments competition.
- Two P4 classes took part in the 'Beat it' project and performed to their parents.
- P5s became town planners and worked closely with parents to enter their project to Focus on Achievement Awards.
- Our 'Walking Buses' have had another successful year thanks to parental support and entered their project into the Focus on Achievement Awards.
- Over 100 pupils from P6 & P7 performed 'Hot Dates' to capacity audiences at the Bonar Hall in June.
- P7s held a very successful Christmas Fair raising money for their trip to Dalguise.
- 7 pupils from P6 & P7 represented Dundee playing rugby at the Jeanne D'Arc Rugby festival in Orleans.
- 2007/8 saw the launch of our yearbook and web team. Our enterprising P7 pupils and teachers were instrumental in gathering information, interviewing classes and pupils, choosing photographs and drawings from Nursery – P7 to promote the work and pupils of Eastern Primary School.

Fintry

- 500 parents and friends shared in our end of term 'Celebrations of Achievement'. The children demonstrated their learning through music, drama, dance and ICT skills. The performances ranged from dramatised stories, raps and variety shows to Powerpoint presentations and computerised cartoons. Every child was presented with an individualised certificate of achievement as recognition of his / her skills and talents.
- Well done to Shannon Brady (P6) and Reece Stewart (P7) who represented Scotland in Ju Jitsu at the Budo Games, winning gold, silver and bronze medals.
- A great afternoon was had by all at the Burns' Supper organised by our language unit children and their buddies. The children invited their parents and entertained them with singing, verse speaking and dancing, not to mention addressing the haggis! Parents and friends joined in the dancing, earning their supper!
- Almost 70 children (are part of our paired reading programme, supporting each other's learning. The children come together as a group to review progress and share good practice once every two weeks.
- P6b worked together with the Rep to produce the play, 'Stay Brave, Brian Gravy'. The pupils performed at the Rep to a very appreciative audience of parents and friends.
- The CIS cup came to Fintry as part of a prize won by Callum Smith (P7b). Callum also won a training session for his class, delivered by Dundee United coaches and a new football strip for our football team.
- One of our classes, P5b, earned more marbles than any class had ever earned in our positive behaviour system. The children chose 'The Crown Jewels' as the name of our new certificate. To their surprise, parents came in to see the 'crowning ceremony' where the children were crowned and presented with a personalised scroll detailing some of their positive attributes.
- Both of our P5 classes took part in the 'Beat it' project, culminating in a wonderful upbeat drumming and dance performance which was enjoyed by parents and friends. The pupils felt they had learned a great deal including how to work in a team and compared their experiences to the 'Curriculum for Excellence' capacities.
- P1, P6a and P7 worked closely with the urban ranger service, producing mosaics for the Finmill Community Centre, while P4/5 made 3D resin pictures to hang in the trees at Middleton Woods.
- 200 parents and friends were taken on a guided tour by the pupils when they attended our LTiD evening. Each classroom showed a particular aspect of LTiD, with pupils explaining their learning. Among other things, parents found out about learning intentions, success criteria, mindmapping, two stars and a wish, walkabout talkabout and writer's chair. P7 pupils demonstrated how they used their diaries through a powerpoint presentation.

Forthill

- Book Week cross curricular focus promoting collaboration between P7 and P2/3, and the 4 capacities of CfE.
- Forthill's entry won the school garden section in the Dundee in Bloom School Garden section of the competition.
- This was a most successful year for us in athletics. The pupils won gold medals for the boys' relay, and the boys' and girls' long jump.
- We continued with our development of strategies related to the Learning Together in Dundee development through a LTiD working group. The working group has created a calendar which will support teachers in their classrooms. Over the session this has been used effectively to enhance learning and teaching, promote active and responsible learning and identify contexts in which different LTiD strategies could be used.
- For a number of years Forthill has been a health promoting school. This involves us focussing on a range of aspects across school life. We have gained a silver award and are now working towards gold.
- Over the session netball teams played with great enthusiasm and represented the school well at all events. They enjoyed both their training sessions and the games against other schools.
- Christmas Concerts were organised and performed by a number of stages in school including the nursery. These events were enjoyed by pupils, parents and members of the community and gave the children many opportunities to work together and to be involved in performances.
- The Blythswood Shoebox Appeal was organised again this session and is a very worthwhile cause helping to bring some joy at Christmas to children abroad who have very little cheer in their lives. The gifts are very much appreciated as was seen by the pupils during the showing of a video produced by Blythswood Trust showing the children receiving their boxes.
- The nursery children visited their first visit to the local Sheltered Housing Complex. The children sang to the old people and delivered the Harvest goods brought by P.1, 2 & 3 to the harvest assembly.
- A very successful Tea Dance was organised by P7 pupils as part of their World War 2 topic. Their dancing was superb!

Glebelands

- Primaries 6a2 and 1a2 co-operated and consulted together in the Picture Book Award. This involved P6 having the responsibility for reading the selection of picture books to the younger children who then voted on their favourite. P6 gave a presentation to the community in Arthurstone Library. The project ended with an award ceremony in the Whitehall Theatre for the most popular author.
- Primary 7 pupils spent 3 days on a residential trip to Teen Ranch. During this time they successfully learned a whole range of necessary life skills...and had a great time in the process.
- Primary 7 pupils undertook an Enterprise project in which they produced and performed their own version of High School Musical for parents, pupils and friends. They designed scenery, costumes and a superb Programme utilising a range of ICT skills. They received rave reviews!
- As part of our Harvest celebrations, Primary 4 pupils from both classes led the School Service on a multi-national theme. The children took parcels to the local Sheltered Housing Complex and gave a musical performance to the residents. This was followed later in the Session with a Fair Trade Coffee Afternoon, organised by the pupils, to which parents, family and friends were invited and at which the message of Fair Trade was highlighted through Information Leaflets designed by the children.
- During Dundee's Mobile Phone Recycling Week, our families gave great support and the school gained a certificate of recognition for its efforts.
- The whole school participated in celebrating the life of Scotland's National Bard. Certificates were awarded for recitation and singing.
- One of our Primary 7 girls was our Leng Medal winner, with a lovely rendition of Marie's Wedding.
- One of our Primary 6 girls created the winning entry (out of 506 across the city) for the Design a Flowerbed Competition, held in conjunction with Dundee in Bloom 2008. Along with 2 of her friends she went to Duntrune Exhibition Garden in Dawson Park to help plant out her design.
- Primary 5a1 reached the final of the Rotary Games which included football, hockey and basketball.
- Our school library has now been computerised with support from the school library service and Primary 6 children have been trained to a high standard in library skills and are now operating the library themselves for Primary 3-7.

Gowriehill

- Silver Award for Health Promoting School.
- 2. Bronze Eco award.
- No. of successes in the Dundee Flower Show.
- Interesting visit from author Joan Lennon.
- School hosted Sustrans launch of new leaflets, "Get Active getting There", which was attended by Minister for health.
- Relay teams won MHS Gala cluster event.
- Football team won GMB trophy.
- Young Writers' competitions... significant number of children had their work published.
- Michael Rosen event in Dundee... P6 pupil won tickets for some school children to attend; one of our P6 pupils was the overall city winner of the writing competition.
- Junior Road Safety Officers won a highly commended award in the JRSO 5th Birthday competition, competing with teams from across Scotland.

Hillside

- P7s Enterprise Project – The Friendship Window (in memory of Laura Turnbull).
- Every pupil performed in one of the school shows, The Stars Come Out (P6-7s), Noah's Ark (P1-2s), Rainbow Spectacular (P3-5s).
- Creativity was celebrated during a termly "Day with a Difference".
- P6 created materials using ICT to promote and support transition between Nursery and P1.
- Hillside Primary's Enhanced Provision (ASD) was invited to take part in the filming of good practice for LTiD project.
- Learning Together in Hillside – Parent and Pupil Information Leaflets prepared by pupils.
- Hillside was finalist in two art competitions run by the Overgate – Art from the Heart, Eco-friendly Christmas tree.
- 2 pupils took part in the Knex Grand Final, Bute Hall, Glasgow.
- 2 teams took part in this year's Chess Scotland National Championships.
- Staff and pupils provided a display, "Hillside Then and Now" when Menzieshill Community Centre held its 40th Anniversary celebrations.

Lochee

- Healthy Eating Work undertake in the school.
- Pit Stop. The success of Pit Stop, our version of a Nurture Group.
- The introduction of a Writing Package. Write to the Top / VCOP.
- The Programme of Extra Curricular Activities.
- *Beat –It* Percussion Initiative.
- Green Day – a day of activities organised by the ECO-Group
- Balgay Bridge Competition and Visit.
- Camperdown Team Building / Pit Stop and the Ranger Service.
- *Sparks* Project.
- World Book Day Activities.

Longhaugh

- Parental Involvement – Friends of Longhaugh Established – (very active) Save by the Bell, Golden Time reading etc.
- Christmas Fayre raised £1600 for school funds.
- Introduction of new Positive Behaviour Management scheme.
- House system introduced- Claypotts, Broughty, Mains and Dudhope – inter house competitions throughout the year plus House Champions. 2 House Captains per house who represent the school throughout the year.
- Class Assemblies introduced. Every class did their own assembly on a theme of their choice. Parent/carers stay behind for cup of tea with children. In total well over 200 parent/carers attended.
- Celebration of Achievement. Prizes given out for merit, attitude and achievement. Sporting achievements and attendance of choir and dancing clubs recognised. House prizes awarded too. Main recognition – Citizenship Award.
- First residential trip in a number of years. Over 30 primary 7's attended Dalguise for a weekend in June. Very successful experience.
- Enhanced Provision started in August – Longhaugh Support Group. A number of children being supported. A number of children also reintegrated into mainstream setting.
- Nurture room/provision for mainstream introduced. 'Soft Start and Easy End' to day for a number of children who require additional emotional and social support.
- Quiet area introduced at playtimes and lunchtimes. A safe and supervised environment for children to play and socialise away from the hustle and bustle of the playground.

Mill of Mains

- Primary 4 pupils took part in the 'Sink or Swim' dance production at Discovery Point.
- One of our pupils was chosen as vice captain of Under 12 Tayside Select basketball Team.
- Our Football Team reached the final of the Thompson Cup.
- A 'Fun in the Jungle' Transition Afternoon was held for Nursery and Primary 1 pupils, and parents.
- Two pupils won medals at the Dundee Schools Athletics Competition.
- Primary 7 performed 'Edward to Elizabeth II' for parents and friends.
- Primary 7 raised over £1300 by organising a Christmas Fayre to buy new sound equipment for school.
- Our Parent Council raised money to buy new chairs for our computer suite and additional listening resources.

- All pupils and staff were actively involved in Health Week in September, during which we raised almost £2000 for Barnardos.
- One of our pupils was a 'runner up' in the Dundee Food and Flower Festival, Desperate Danwich Competition.

Macalpine

- School Memory Book raising £1400.
- Open afternoon nostalgia event.
- Whole school photograph for posterity.
- Athletic team successes.
- Macalpine Fun Day.
- Painting of Macalpine school donated by parent.
- Football team won the Banks Trophy.
- Great success in the Dundee School Sports.
- Macalpine pupils won the Passport to Europe competition at Baldrigon.
- Kim Barton won Dundee Sprint Champion.

Newfields

- Cheeky Monkey Marathon event – P7 organised this charity event to raise money for Children with Leukaemia and the school. The event involved the whole school community and raised £6500.
- Newfields Gymnastics club won club of the year in November 2007. The coach Pam Bowie won community coach of the year and Shannon Finnegan won Young Volunteer of the Year. Scottish Gymnastics have since been using our school club to deliver training and inservice.
- The whole school performed Musical Moments to over 300 family and friends in June 2008.
- The infant department held a Mother's day event for all mums, grannies and aunts. The children performed songs and poems and presented the visitors with cards and a bunch of daffodils. Everyone was then invited back to the class to join in activities with the children and refreshments. This was attended by over 150 people.
- The infant department held a Father's Day event for dads, granddads or any other important male influence in the children's life. Technology activities were set up in each class for the children and 'Dads' to do together like designing paper aeroplanes and building junk model houses for the children's 'Fairytales Revisited' writing project. This was a highly successful day and was attended by just over 90 people. A parent commented that seeing so many males leaving a school at the same time and all smiling was like watching crowds coming away from a football match after watching their team win.
- Health Week - health week has now been running for four years and is growing in success every year. This year we were supported by The Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service, RNLI, school nurse, Craigie Bowling Club, S.F.A., Scottish Rocks Basketball Club, Police Community Safety, Funky Feet, Athletics, Hockey and Yoga. Parents who are also involved in careers associated with Health also supported Health week by coming into to talk to the children or involve them in activities this included beauty therapy, the ambulance service and a paediatric nurse.
- We introduced a new Positive Behaviour Management policy. This involved the children, parents through an open night and all staff. The introduction in this policy resulted in detentions being reduced by two third within five weeks.
- Every class now performs an assembly to parents based upon learning in the class. The parents are then invited back to the class to look at the pupils' work. Feedback from parents has been positive and they have been delighted to get more opportunity to view the children's work on display in the classrooms.

Our Lady's

- Pupils raised £2500 through a variety of activities. This money will go towards establishing a sensory room in the school.
- Pupils from Primary 7 raised in excess of £1000 during their Enterprise project. This money helped reduce the cost of their residential trip to Compass Christian Centre Glenshee.
- Our show 'Successful Learners in Our Lady's' highlighted to our parents and carers, how the children learn and what they learn in Our Lady's. It was an extremely successful show.
- We celebrated our success in achieving our Gold Award for being a Health Promoting School.
- We took part in a project with Grey Lodge encouraging over 50s to share their skills in the community and as part of this project were filmed for the BBC programme Primetime. Dougie Vipond visited the school and spent the day working with the pupils.
- Natalie Baxter P6 won a nationwide competition, sponsored by ASDA. She had to design a futuristic safe home for a pet. Her prize was a sponsored pet for life in her name. Natalie chose to sponsor a dolphin.
- Our pupils with ASN have been involved in an enterprise initiative where they make toast and sell it to the rest of the school one morning per week. The profit raised goes towards funding their social skills activities.
- Our Primary 2/3 pupils took part in the Shoe Box Appeal. They successfully filled 95 boxes with clothing, toiletries, toys etc. The boxes were sent to underprivileged children in Eastern Europe.
- Pupils from Primaries 6 & 7 worked with Grant Lawrence from Beat It for several weeks learning to play percussion instruments. This culminated in performances for our parents/carers and the other children in the school.
- During our Health Week we held a Games Evening for parents and pupils. Many families came along and enjoyed playing a variety of Board games. Fresh fruit and juice was supplied free of charge by Lidl. Also during Health Week our P4/5 class were invited to Discovery Quay to sample and feedback on their new healthy menu for children.

Park Place

- Achieved our Silver Health Promoting Schools Award.
- P6 & 7 team won the Harris Swimming Gala.

- Two pupils had stories chosen for publication in the Young Writers' "Adventure Starts Here" creative writing book series.
- Whole school involved in Christmas Extravaganza – Concert, Enterprise and Refreshments.
- Parental Partnership developed – Meet and Greet the Teacher sessions established, Parent Information pack distributed, active parent council established.
- P6 pupil illustration chosen for "May" in the Dundee Energy Efficiency calendar competition.
- P6 pupil won West End photography competition.
- P6 pupil won West End Christmas poetry competition.
- Senior team reached semi-final of Euroquiz.
- P1-5 participated in Red House book awards.

Rosebank

- Primary 7 Fairtrade Project culminating in gift boxes being made for pupils at school in Kenya and handed over to Julius Ethan'gatha, Environmental Activist and Kenyan Tea Grower during his visit to Scotland during Fair-trade Fortnight.
- Ryan McConville, P7 pupil appearing in Blue Peter as part of their Fundraising Appeal.
- Refurbishment of original "Fairy Box" by pupils which was handed over to James McKenzie, Actor, ("Raven" on BBC) Patron of the Fairy Box Charity at a special assembly.
- 21 pupils gained Dynamic Youth Awards for their participation in the healthy lifestyle challenge "Get Up and Go".
- 6 pupils gained the Natural Connections Award as a result of participating in a number of activities including mountain biking, map reading, problem solving and team building.
- As part of our active schools plan to promote healthy lifestyles we now have over 80% of pupils walking or cycling to school.
- Pupils and staff took part in the British Heart Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart initiative which involved a series of skipping workshops over four weeks and a sponsored giant Skipathon which raised £365 for the British Heart Foundation.
- Joint partnership project with the Highwayman YCC and Our Lady's Primary to establish a Breakfast Club which was very successful with large numbers of pupils attending.
- Primary 4/5 were second in the Rotary Games and gained many bonus points for "Fair Play".
- A team of four pupils from Primary 7 represented the school in a "Euroquiz" run by the Education Development Service.

Rowantree

- Primaries 1 and 2 produced two performances for the school and parents this session. The Nativity in December 2007 and a play around the theme of a banquet in June 2008. Both productions were well attended and very much enjoyed by all.
- Our Primary 3 class, under the direction of Mrs Grimes, won the Tom Murray Memorial Prize 2008 for their project on Beijing which involved them in creating opera masks, Chinese singing and dancing, making dragon screens and producing a DVD. A magnificent trophy has pride of place in our display cabinet. The class also won the group and school prize, resulting in book prizes and certificates.
- Primary 5 invited parents to a Scottish Morning and performance of Jock An' Hees Beanstalk, and also reached the Grand Final of the Rotary Games.
- Primary 5/6 Glow Group were visited by Learning and Teaching Scotland and guests from abroad, and the primary 5 children produced an animation, "Zombie Slayers of the Monster Terror Club."
- Primary 6 were involved in the Wildlife Crime Project, creating posters, producing pieces of writing, keeping a nature diary and taking part in quizzes. Their Junior Road Safety Officers organised a school assembly, competitions and created a school display. Primary 6 also took part in the Dundee Picture Book Awards, and worked with Primary 1, reading picture books and creating a display for the local library.
- Children from Primary 3-7 took part in the Rep SPARK Project.
- The Rowantree Primary Netball Team won the Dundee Netball Fair Play Trophy.
- The Pupil Council bid for money from the devolved school budget and renovated the school garden, and liaised with the Parent Council in the planning of a successful Saturday Fun Day in June 2008.
- The Craigie Cluster Health Working Group, with support from Dundee College students and Active Schools, organised a Primary 3 Health Event at Dundee College.

Sidlaw View

- School won the Parents in Partnership award at this year's Focus on Achievement awards.
- School held a very successful Music Hall event receiving letters from both the Queen and the Prime Minister in response to their request for favourite music hall songs.
- School held a successful Multi-Cultural week, working with the Cultural Co-ordinators to complete a multi-cultural banner to be displayed around the school.
- As part of its work for charity, school raised over two hundred pounds for Water Aid.
- We celebrated the completion of the dragon sculpture in the school garden with an open afternoon for parents and children. Over 100 people attended this event and enjoyed taking part in a variety of dragon related activities.
- The first Primary School money week was held in Sidlaw View Primary, culminating in a Money Fayre for parents. School was supported in this by a number of outside organizations.
- Primary 4 children performed for the senior citizens in the local community at their annual Christmas dinner.
- Primary 4 – 6 enjoyed a visit from the Edinburgh Science Festival who delivered a presentation entitled 'Good Vibrations'.
- Primary 3 & 4 took part in a Scottish Heritage Festival producing some wonderful art work and having the opportunity to be taught traditional Scottish songs by Sheena Wellington.
- A teddy bear's picnic was held in November to raise money for Children in Need. Over £150 was raised.

St Clement's

- Finalists in 'Danwitch' competition – Camperdown park 31/8/07.
- Bring & buy sale 7/9/08 – proceeds to help with costs for p7 residential long weekend trip to Dalguise - £313 raised.
- All day health fayre / sponsored fitness programme – 13/9/08 – approximately £700 raised for school funds.
- P6/7 and p7 pupils participated in back beat music festival – music centre – 24/10/07.
- P6 pupil won 1st prize in energy saving art competition and was presented with his prize in the City Chambers.
- Two P7 pupils selected to represent school at Discovery Space School – 6 Saturdays over the January – June period.
- P5 held a mothers' day sale in aid of SCIAF – 29/2/08 - £105 raised.
- Whole school non-uniform day – approximately £85 raised for local charity dreams4u – 22/5/08.
- Six finalists in the Balgay bridge competition invited to represent school at official re-opening launch of the bridge – 28/5/08.
- P3 pupils participated in sowing of a wildflower meadow on the site of the Balgarthno stones – 29/5/08 – pm.

St. Columba's

- Primary 7 pupils enjoyed their residential at the Compass Christian Centre and took part in many challenging outdoor activities.
- Pupils in primary 4 received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion supported by school, family and parishioners of St. Columba's parish.
- All pupils took part in a competition to design a new school badge for St. Andrew's RC Primary – primary 6 pupil had the winning design.
- Pupils worked with artist Kevin Blackwell and their peers from St. Margaret's to create a piece of art work for display in the entrance to the new school.
- Children from primaries 1- 3 performed the Nativity story for all parents.
- A planned programme of a variety of activities was in place to celebrate St. Andrew's day.
- Pupils from primaries 6 and 7 took part in the Lawside swimming gala.
- The school was awarded GOLD in the health Promoting School category.

St Fergus

- A successful partnership with Claverhouse Group provided reconditioned bicycles for children without access to a bike.
- P5 joined Ardler and Brackens Primaries and staff from the McManus Galleries in an Expressive Arts project which celebrated the life of Admiral Duncan and culminated in an open air production at Camperdown Park.
- A wide range of extra curricular clubs was run, with every teacher in the school involved, supported by community partners like Dundee College and the Leisure and Communities Department.
- P6 worked with Barnardos' SPACE project staff on Creative Approaches to solving problems and featured in the Times Educational Supplement.
- A Girls Football Team was established and was very successful in their first year.
- A P6 Pupil was selected for the Dundee Area Girls Football Training Squad.
- A Big Birthday Party was held in April to kick off a year of celebrations of the school's 40th Anniversary.
- P7 Pupils and Teachers gave a presentation and held a workshop at the Scottish Learning Festival about their work on Glow.
- P7 'Maths Boffins' and their teacher took part in a series of Dundee University Maths classes on Saturday mornings.
- 3 P7 Pupils were part of the winning team in the Song for St Paul's competition at the Caird Hall, composing a school song for the new Academy.

St. Joseph's

- A primary six girl, Taylor Evans, won a prize in Bishop Logan's art competition during vocations week.
- Two boys from P1/2, Luka and Tega were runners up in DCC Christmas card competition. Their designs were printed on the back of the winning entry. Cards were sent all over the world.
- St. Joseph's along with Park Place and Blackness won a joint anti sectarianism award sponsored by the Al-Maktoum Institute at the focus on achievement awards.

- Nicole Vasey P6 won a special award for ballet. She came first in the Tayside ballet circle competition.
- Eco school class reps worked with staff from DCC waste management looking at recycling. we achieved our bronze eco award.
- Our primary seven children managed to gain two first prize and four runners up prizes in the scholastic competition "build a book".
- Primary four enjoyed working with Grant Lawrence on drums. They made lots of noise and had lots of fun!
- Primary one children joined the cast of singing kettle in the rehearsals before the show.
- Our additional support group had lots of outings in the environment among which was a trip to Tannadice. They enjoyed it very much and are still talking about it.
- Our health week proved a great success, everyone taking part in as many activities as possible. we are all looking forward to the next one

St Lukes & St Matthews

- Primary 7 won the PRISEC (Primary/Secondary) Maths Shield for the 3rd time.
- Primary 6 pupils, James Malone & Josh McLaggan achieved a Gold Certificate in the Scottish Mathematical Association Maths Challenge.
- Primary Maths Challenge Euan Tosney P7 achieved Gold, Mark Forsyth P7 Silver & Danielle Robertson, & Liam Lyon P7 Caitlin Connelly P6 & Connor Edwards P5/6 got Bronze.
- Pupils raised £1,963 for various charities.
- Jennifer Clark P4 reached the final of the Food and Flower Festival.
- Teacher Parent Pupil Project into 4th year with good results.
- Successful Netball Team won the Winter League & the Summer League District East.
- Girls, Football Tournament, the girls came 5th.
- Marie Curie Pots of Care Patryk Fellmann P6 won games & £50 in book vouchers for the school with his design for decorating his pot.
- St Luke's & St Matthew's came 3rd in the Overgate Eco Tree Competition and won £200. Pupils from P1-7 were involved in decorating our tree.

St Margaret's

- Several pupils had success in the Dundee Food and Flower Festival, Camperdown Park.
- Throughout the year, pupils took part in special Sunday celebrations in St Leonard's and St Fergus Parish.
- Primary 4 pupils celebrated Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion.
- Throughout the year, each class prepared and presented an assembly to the whole school. These were repeated for parents.
- Children took part in a competition to design the badge for St Andrew's. P1 pupil was one of the chosen designs.
- Children worked with artist Kevin Blackwell to help create a piece of art work for new school.
- Pupils were encouraged to save through the Save by the Bell scheme which began in the school.
- St Margaret's day was celebrated with a Mass in school and an afternoon of celebration for each class.
- Sir John Leng medal was presented to Andrew Kelly in P7.
- Cheque for £1,062.13 was sent to the Missionary Children Ecuador Project.

St Mary's

- Our infant classes participated in the pilot scheme "Learning Through Play".
- Our primary six pupils developed their learning skills by studying "How We Learn" in order to be more effective learners.
- Parents and staff worked together to establish our new "Parents' Council", to be known as St Mary's P.T.A.
- Parents, school staff and pupils cooperated to create our "web site". St Mary's Lochee, on line, was launched by Lord Provost Letford in April.
- Our footballers became league champions and Rock Cup winners for the third season running. Three boys, Calvin Colquhoun, Ciaran Richardson and Liam Dailly represented the City of Dundee in the Primary Select Squad.
- Beverly Peach Nazareth, a primary seven pupil who arrived from the Philippines less than two years ago won a Burns Federation Certificate for her recitation of "A Man's A Man For A That" by Robert Burns.
- Two Maltese teachers visited St Mary's for two weeks to undertake post graduate research for a diploma in Education Administration and Management. The two teachers, Maria Vella Muscat and Frankline Zammit consequently presented a bound copy of their study to the school.

- In April the school held a health week which provided a range of activities for all pupils and parents. Physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health were all covered and the week ended with an assembly where Lee Wilkie of Dundee United and Scotland presented the achievement awards to pupils.
- At Christmas, St Mary's pupils went Carol Singing at Tesco's with Ancrum Road and Lochee Primary to raise funds for the Dennis the Menace Cancer Appeal. Our Primary 7 pupils also entertained the residents of Wellburn with their carol singing.

St Ninians

- Dundee finalists in national Euroquiz held in Scottish parliament.
- Publication of pupils' poems in two national poetry books – little laureates poetry book and young writers collection of 1st poems.
- Participation in annual Dundee Burns club competition and national competition in Greenock.
- Winner of active schools challenge cup – girls football team.
- Participation in national maths challenges – bronze and silver winners – p6 and p7.
- Scottish bible society – art competition – runner up – Rhianna Papendorf P5.
- Donations to various charities amounted to £2504.58.
- Participation in gymnastics festival P1-3 team.
- P5 pupil - finalist in Desperate Danwich competition.
- School awarded silver status as a health promoting school.

SS Peter & Paul

- One of our P7 pupils, Scott Penman, represented Scotland at the European Junior Tae Kwon Do Championships in Germany. Scott is now in S1 at St John's High School.
- Our P7 pupils attended the Choices For Life event at Ingliston and took part in drama workshops relating to smoking.
- P7 pupils also took part in a very successful week at the Christian Compass Centre at Glenshee.
- A member of our teaching staff was selected to go to the Johnson Space Centre in Houston to work with the Director and Educators from the Space Centre to receiving training for the Discovery STEM Space School.

St Pius

- Very high attainment in Reading.
- Very high attainment in Mathematics.
- Very high attainment in Writing.
- Development of an active learning room.
- Establishment of a new Parent Council.
- Upgrade and improvement of the sound system for the school hall.
- Highly successful Christmas Concert in which every pupil in the school participated.
- Introduction of a pre-ordering system for school dinners, giving the pupils greater choice.
- Installation of bike racks for pupils.
- Introduction of a Personal Learning Plan for younger pupils.

St Vincent's

- Achieved Silver Eco Award.
- P6 and P7 performed a Christmas pantomime to help raise funds for the P7 residential trip to the Christian Compass Centre.
- The school hosted a Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease tea dance to Celebrate World COPD Day in conjunction with the P5 health Topic.
- P4/5 investigated a variety of charities and subsequently chose four to support: BLISS...organised a knitting bee among families and friends
- St Vincent De Paul...sent food vouchers for families in need Sponsored a dog for the blind.
- Paid for the music and entertained the clients at the Midlin Christmas Ceilidh.
- P7 boy won a Travel Dundee anti-vandalism competition. His poster is currently displayed on every bus and he received a £50 voucher. The class were also treated to a day trip anywhere in Scotland. The children chose Landmark Adventure Park.
- On World Book Day classes paired up, older with younger, and read their favourite stories. This was so successful it is to be repeated throughout the year.
- Nursery held a sponsored run and collected a staggering £1100. This money is being used to replace outdoor equipment and enhance learning experiences.
- P4, as part of their citizenship topic donated hampers to the local Servite Home.
- Children raised money for SCIAF throughout the year.
- In conjunction with the Parent Council school held a very successful Fashion Show. More than sixty models ranging from nursery age to the Lollipop Lady took part. Money raised helped pay for buses.

Whitfield

- Having a P4 pupil selected as a finalist in the Desperate Danwich Competition at the Dundee Autumn Flower Show for this sandwich The Monster Deluxe. He was runner up on the day.
- Winning the Bob McCulloch Trophy for best exhibit (Our Environmental Actions display) in classes 601 – 608 at the Dundee Autumn Flower Show.
- Having two of our in-school initiatives short listed in the Local Authority Focus on Achievement Awards – Eating Together in Whitfield in the Developing a Healthy Environment Category and Katie's Café in the Innovation through a Curriculum for Excellence Category. Katie's Café ultimately won the prize in this category, beating off strong competition from other Dundee Schools.
- Primary 7 raising £75.49 for MacMillan Cancer Relief through holding a Coffee Morning for the Biggest Coffee Morning in the World Appeal.
- Completing our ECO Shelter School Board project, with Dennis the Menace as a special visitor, to brighten up our environment under the Where School Meets Streets Grounds For Learning Project, so helping to maintain our Silver ECO award.
- Our Whistlefield Enterprise Company organising, hosting and performing at a Ceilidh to celebrate St. Andrews Day and singing at Asda to raise funds.
- Class 5 planning and organising a very successful Christmas Fayre as their enterprise project raising £710 for school funds and charities – Brown Street Kennels and Maggie's Centre.
- Class 6 filling boxes for the Blythswood Care Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. The boxes were sent to Eastern Europe and India to help make the Christmas of families a little brighter.
- Class 6 raising £337.60 for Macmillan Cancer Support through a sponsored silence.
- Celebrating National Science Week with all classes participating in a range of challenges: visiting Sensation and having a Generation Science visit.

SECONDARY SECTOR

Baldragon Academy

- Soundtown - In addition to the general school curriculum and the extracurricular activities, the school, as part of its SOUNDTOWN status, has been involved in over 60 outside broadcasts by Radio Scotland. Pupils, staff and professionals musicians and presenters have collaborated to instil a capability for broadcasting in the school. Over 450 pupils and 16 subject departments have benefited from this experience and it has created a great buzz and a rich learning context within the school.
- Restricted Service Licence Broadcasting June 08 - Developing from SOUNDTOWN the school embarked on its own broadcasting venture in June. Over two days the school used a restricted broadcasting licence to broadcast shows created from start to finish by the pupils. This convinced the school that it had indeed developed a capacity to continue with this emphasis and its future vision is to combine the broadcasting emphasis with vocational and media education and with approaches to 'Curriculum for Excellence'
- Enterprise Activities - Over the past session pupils have been involved in a myriad of activities relating to Enterprise and Determined to Succeed. Many, such as their procurement of funding for the RSL licence came about as a result of our work with Radio Scotland while others related directly to courses being delivered in departments such as HE, Music, Science and CDT. Once again our entire S2 cohort spent a day working with representatives from the construction industry in Tayside. Coffee mornings and residential organised by the pupils were again a significant feature on the calendar.
- 10th Anniversary Celebrations - There was a Celebration Dinner Dance held at the Invercarse Hotel, Perth Road, Dundee, on 24th November 2007, to which all former and present staff, pupils (over 18 only) and parents were invited. The event was a great success. There were speeches by Laurie Bidwell, Convener of Education, George Laidlaw, Head Teacher and Danny McDonald, Depute Head. It was a chance to meet up with old friends and have a pleasant meal and dance to the popular band "Trilogy".
- 10th Anniversary Concert - To celebrate the end of our 10th Anniversary we held an Expressive Arts Evening which consisted of performances from our own pupils as well as items from ex pupils from Baldragon, some of whom are now professional musicians. The evening enabled pupils to show off their musical skills as well as their acting skills in the performance of "Nine Maidens and the Nine Middens" which was written by our own pupils. An art exhibition also provided a platform for Baldragon pupils and ex pupils who are now studying at Art College to exhibit their work. The evening was great fun as we celebrated the success of Baldragon Academy pupils past and present.
- Armed Services 5-a-side Football - This event was targeted at S3 boys at Riverside playing fields. The team was split in to two groups of 8. Each group played one match each. The Baldragon boys drew 2 matches and won 6 in order to qualify for the semi-finals. In the end the teams qualified. They drew 0-0 but won on penalties to qualify for the final and went on to beat Montrose Academy 3-0 in the final. In total they played 9 games and conceded none!
- National Literacy Award Winner - Baldragon Academy won in 2007/2008. This project develops the information handling skills of the school pupils by providing them with study, IT and library facilities, and allowing them to experience University life and in particular give them a headstart in their own University careers. At the end of the programme they: are able to search using a range of online search techniques and strategies; can use a library catalogue and locate items in different collections in a University Library; are aware of a variety of online information sources (subject gateways, internet search engines and newspaper/image databases); are able to evaluate the quality of online information; and can work in a small group and present their information to the panel of experts and write references for their sources of information. Panel of experts award the group with the best presentation.
- Burns Celebration - Over the course of an afternoon an audience of our S1 pupils, staff, parents & pupils and staff from our cluster enjoyed contributions from Mark Thomson, Gary Robertson, Milton Balgonie (three Dundee poets), Sheena Wellington performed A Man's A Man for A' that, John Kelly performed Tam O'Shanter, David Hunter played pipes, various staff and pupils performed selections from Burns.
- Healthy Working Lives Bronze Award - In September, two colleagues from the Health Group in the school attended a ceremony and were presented with an award for 'Healthy Working Lives'. This award recognises and applauds the efforts within the employed community in the school which have been directed at health and well-being. The intention is now to seek higher awards in this area and to continue to promote a climate within which all (pupils and staff) keep their own health and well-being high on their list of priorities.
- Christmas Concert with Scottish Symphony Orchestra - During our year with BBC Soundtown we were given the wonderful opportunity to work with musicians from the BBC Scottish Symphony orchestra. Five of their string players provided a workshop for our own string ensemble and our wind band was assisted by five players from the SSO. These events culminated in them performing with our pupils at our Christmas Concert as well as performing a couple of items on their own. The whole concert was recorded by the BBC and excerpts and interviews were broadcast on the "Classics Unwrapped" programme in January 2008. What an experience - one that both staff and pupils will remember!

Braeview Academy

- Sean Crossan – Sean has been voted the Dundee Schools Young Male Vocalist of the Year, 2008. Sean has played various leading roles in Dundee Schools Music Theatre productions, his latest as Judas in Jesus Christ Superstar.
- Gymnastics – Braeview Academy Gymnastics Team won first place in the Dundee Secondary Schools Gymnastics Championships at Level 2 which is the highest level of competition open to them. These gold medal winners went on to represent Dundee in the Scottish Schools Gymnastics Championships and gave an outstanding performance, with one of the team, Natalie Bowie, finishing in 5th place.
- Bugsy Malone – A third of the school population took part in the performance of Buggy Malone in June. This made it an achievement for the whole school community. Art classes and drama classes helped with scenery, posters and props and many pupils volunteered to work behind the scenes during the fantastic four night run of the show.
- Braeview's Got Talent – The talent show was run in an Xfactor style with auditions leading to a final night showcase complete with judges. Winning acts received medals and a cup was awarded to the best overall act.
- Battle of the Bands – The Battle of the Bands was organised through the School of Ambition project. Musicians from The Shore came into school weekly and worked with bands in preparation for the band night. They also recorded a CD of their songs.
- Braeview Banter – Is a termly magazine written, edited and produced by a team of 6 pupils (S1-S6). Stories focus on items of interest to young people (school, music, media etc). The cost of producing the magazine is met by a small cover charge (20p). Circulation is approximately 130 copies.
- Rock Challenge – Approximately 30 pupils from S1 to S6 took part in this national dance competition for the second consecutive year. The theme this year was 'Gangsters through the Ages'. The group was involved in approximately 6 months of dance rehearsals and also studied the effects of gangs on society. The competition was held on 21 February at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre and Braeview Academy was presented with the 'Spirit of Rock Challenge' award.
- Beijing – Lorna Ness (S4) and Johnny McNamara (S3) played the bagpipes at the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Beijing as part of the Mains of Fintry Pipe Band. Since their starring role at the Olympics the band have recently played in London at the Regent Street festival and at Edinburgh Castle as part of the welcome reception in honour of the Scottish athletes on their return from Beijing.
- Sarah Finnegan – Sarah won the Mackintosh Patrick Award for art. This is awarded to pupils in S6. In addition to her artistic talents, Sarah also achieved Highers in maths, English and music and is currently in her first year at Dundee University, studying Psychology.
- Health Promoting School (Silver Award) – The school's Health Working Group prepared an application for the bronze award. However, the authority's inspection team judged the application worthy of a silver award.

Craigie High School

- Karen Tovey is this year's Lord McManus Award for Citizenship winner.
- The Higher folio work of two of our S5 pupils have been selected by the SQA as part of a national exhibition to be displayed in the Scottish Parliament in October.
- Scott McApline of S3 won the Rosangle Cup. This cup is awarded for the best art work produced by S3 pupils from across the city.
- Craigie was selected by the SFA as one of its national Schools of Football. Sixteen first year pupils (boys and girls) started their course in August.
- Three of our pupils Bradley Skelly, Aimee Godfrey and Ryan McGinnis play football for Scotland.
- Sean Dyer in S1 was selected for the U13 Scottish Ice Hockey team. They won the cup in an international competition beating England in the final for the first time in eighteen years.
- Craigie's team won the Dundee Enterprising Maths Competition for the second year running. They now represent Dundee in the Scottish finals.
- For the ninth year in a row Craigie were the overall winners of the Harry McLevy trophy for Modern Studies. This year's winner is Jordan Hunter.
- A team of Craigie pupils won the Tayside Stock market challenge organised by BNP Paribas Bank.
- We have now led two successful initiatives to bring learning into the community; Learning Together in Douglas and Learning together in ASDA (Milton of Craigie). These events involved pupils, parents, teachers and other council departments working together to extend learning activities in the community.

Grove Academy

- The school achieved the 'Investors in People' Award.

- Leadership: - Mrs Berry received the Alliance Trust Award for Leading Learning in Dundee and Christopher Woods received the Alliance Trust Award for Leadership at Dundee's Focus on Achievement Awards.
- Music: - Murray Richmond won Dundee City Council's 'Young Musician of the Year' competition. Vocalist Laura Preston won Dundee's Leng Gold Medal.
- Debating: - Grove teams reached the Finals Day at Oxford University, the finals of the ESU Senior Schools Mace, the ESU Junior Debating Competition and the Edinburgh University Schools Debating Competition. Clare Richardson was one of eight Scottish pupils invited to debate in the Scottish Parliament on the Global Campaign for Education.
- Basketball: - The S1 boys' team and the S1 girls' team reached the finals of their respective Scottish Cups.
- Netball: - The S1 team reached the final of the Scottish Cup and the final of the Tayside Schools Netball Competition.
- Football: - the Grove team won the Dundee Schools under 17 five-a side competition. This team were also Dundee League and Cup winners.
- Cross-country:- Over 65 pupils participated in the Dundee Schools Cross-country Championships winning five of the seven events and being placed second in the other two.
- Swimming: - Libby Francis enjoyed success in the Scottish Schools Championships, the Scottish Open and British Open Championships, the Midlands District Championships, the Tayside Schools Championships and was selected to represent Scotland in the WQISE Schools' International in Crawley.
- Gymnastics: - Hannah Kilcullen represented Scotland in the UK School Games and reached the national squad to represent Scotland in the Commonwealth games.

Harris Academy

- The 'Make Poverty History' Group raised over £4000 to build a schoolroom in Mbelekete school in Malawi.
- All pupils in S1 participated in the Rapid Response Challenge.
- 13 S5/6 pupils travelled to Malaysia to work with pupils in a school for the blind, redecorate the school and raised enough money to provide a month's supply of rice for an orphanage in Kuala Lumpur.
- The school population filled over 1000 shoeboxes with Christmas gifts to be sent to Eastern Europe. This was the highest total of any Scottish School.
- The senior debating team reached the final of the national 'Debating Matter' competition for the third year running.
- Our senior team again reached the UK final of 'The Formula 1 Challenge' in Birmingham.
- Lucy Cook is a member of the Scottish Ladies under 19 football team currently competing in the European Championships.
- Jordan Archibald an accomplished Gymnast was selected to participate in the UK School Games.
- Cally Evans ' artwork was selected from that of pupils across Scotland to be displayed in an exhibition in the National Gallery of Scotland.
- Over 150 individual pupils from every year group won awards in National Mathematics competitions throughout the year.

Lawside RC Academy

- School Magazine Breakout for the second year running won the Scottish Magazine of the Year Competition held in Edinburgh in the category of 'Best On-Line Presence'.
- Liam Smith also won at the same venue Outstanding Individual Award for Expertise in IT with Breakout.
- John Young is Under 15 Scottish Football Internationalist
- Andrew Millar Under 16 Scottish Football Internationalist
- Robbie De Gernier Under 18 Scottish Football Internationalist
- Lawside RC Academy launched its Radio Station Lawside FM with Lorraine Kelly from GMTV being interviewed live.
- Lawside for the first time started a new initiative involving Senior Pupils teaching IT Skills to the elderly residents in the Servite community.
- Lawside RC Academy had 5 finalists in the McIntosh/ Partick Awards with Paula Batchelor achieving second place.
- Beth Wales represented Scotland at the British Karate Championships.
- Pupils from Lawside RC Academy were actively involved and helped to organise the Song for St. Paul's Competition with the Final being hosted in the Caird Hall.

Menziesshill High School

- Health Opening: Through the NHS Primary and Community Care Premises Modernisation Programme and Dundee City Council Community Regeneration Fund we set up the MHS Health Partnership. A unique facility supported by Pupils, Parents, Staff, Community, DCC Education & Leisure and Communities and NHS Tayside, representing the West of Dundee has been developed.
- Involved and Informed: Our new Parent Council has been set up and has two active sub-groups: Partnership and Events. Information is displayed on our new website launched in March which is recognised as one of the best around. School website expanded to provide up-to-date comprehensive information for parents and homework for pupils. We also relaunched our Pupil Representative Council. Laura Gorman represents Dundee at the Scottish Youth Parliament
- Our Behaviour for Learning system has improved our ethos and celebration of success.
- School trips took place to London (twice); Belgium, USA and Germany.
- In team events we won Midlands District Schools Swimming 4 x 50 Relay Winners 'Milne Trophy'; U14 Football champions – 'Urquhart Trophy'; and U 15 Football Champions 'Dundee Schools Trophy'.
- Representatives at regional and national level were: in Water Polo; Basketball Squad; Olympic Shooting (clay pigeon shoot); Olympic Training Squad (water polo); Gold and silver medals in Tayside swimming; a Sports Scholarship to Grantham College for Water Polo.
- Successful Art exhibition took place in the University of Abertay featuring work from pupils, staff and former pupils.
- Our Uganda group raised over £16 000 towards their trip to work in Africa and on the way won the Rotary Cyclathon trophy.
- Ten S1 pupils achieved Dynamic Youth Awards through working with Peer Education. Fifteen S3 pupils gained Silver Youth Achievement Awards.
- Menziesshill High School Model Club gained six awards in the Scottish National championships in both the junior and senior events.

Morgan Academy

- Morgan Academy achieved Eco-school Silver Award and Health Promoting School Silver Award during session 2007/08.
- Senior pupils Shazia Akbar and Yasmin Ahmad won BA Gold Crest Award working with Dundee University as part of a Nuffield Project. They were also presented with an Edinburgh Angus Society Award.
- The school was commended for its high level of IT literacy and positive ethos by competition Judge, John Jung as part of his overall appraisal of Dundee City's bid for an international 'Intelligent Communities' Award.
- Eddie Hunt S3, won the Dundee City Sculpture Design Award and his sculpture representing the City of Dundee is to be built in Dubai.
- Murray Cochrane S4, is under 14s British Speed Skating Champion and runner up Dundee Sportsman of the Year.
- Our pupils formed the 'S crew 5' team which won the Scottish heat of the Community Relations Award and are in the final of the British Competition.
- Natalie Leniewska in S4 won the Dundee College Schools 'Super Chef' 2008 competition.
- Ryan Watson played lead role in Dundee Schools Music Theatre production of Jesus Christ Superstar at the Whitehall Theatre with many other pupils from Morgan also contributing to the success of this excellent production.
- Kirsty Campbell S2, competes for Scotland and Tayside and Fife as a Gymnast in her age group and Carys Birse, S3 is a British Figure Skating representative.
- Jennifer Bennett (S6 at the time) won the Dundee Vocalist of the Year competition at the 2007 Focus on Achievement Awards.

St John's RC High School

- Pupils raised over £9,000 for charities: SCIAF Cambodia project; Jamaica Appeal; MacMillan Nurses; Romania shoebox Appeal; St Vincent de Paul; Marie Curie Cancer Care; Sightsavers; Bukhabulo, Uganda; Barnardo House, Nairobi; Lourdes Pilgrimage Trust.
- S5/6 Art students visited National Gallery in Edinburgh and Glasgow School of Art annual Fashion show and Kelvingrove Art Gallery in Glasgow.
- Marc Finnan and Lisa Halley were awarded the Princess Diana Awards for their Respect Anti-bullying initiative.
- Rachel Delaney and Andrew Manzi were Courier debate finalists and won Best team and Best speaker at the Robert Gordon's invitational debating competition in Aberdeen.
- S3/4 History pupils visited the First World War battlefields of Belgium and France.
- Natalie Donald, Sam Glancy, and Mr Dave Guirron visited Auschwitz through the Holocaust Education trust with other Dundee teachers and pupils.
- 40 of the new Sixth Year visited the Royal Scots College in Salamanca for a course in leadership in Catholic schools.
- Our pupils in the Support base took part in the development of the |The Time tram project.
- All departments contributed to a wide range of activities for Enterprise Week.
- Success in national sports: Peter Walker (Badminton); Connaire Connelly (Football); Kevin Stewart (Cycling); Greig Ireland (Speed skating); Josh Inglis and Kirstie Robertson (Figure skating); Matthew Reid (Golf).

St Saviour's RC High School

- Age & stage: Lewis Smith (5P2) sat four subjects at Higher Grade (English, Computing, Chemistry & Physics) and passed all four at Grade 'A' **and** also sat Advanced Higher Mathematics and passed at grade 'A'.
- The school garden, which is looked after by the acting PT Biology, Mrs MacLean, and her Environment Group, was awarded a silver medal by Dundee City Council as part of Dundee in Bloom. The Environment Group were also awarded 'tool training' certificates by the countryside ranger.
- Our Higher Grade English results were noteworthy this year: out of nine presentations, 5 pupils passed at grade 'A', 2 at 'B' and 2 at 'C'.
- Three pupils won prizes in the Whitfield Community Centre Logo competition: 1st Prize – Shaune Halliday (S3)
2nd Prize – Lee Gillespie (S3)
3rd Prize – Kris Black (S3)
- First time participation in Peer Education: 16 pupils attained the bronze award. Four of these pupils went on to assist Tayside Police with the delivery of the 'Safe Taysiders' event for primary 7 pupils. As a result of this one of the four pupils, Cody Kirkland, was invited (in partnership with a pupil from Craigie HS) to make a presentation to health professionals at West Park conference Centre.
- Two of our S2 girls, Rhiannon McPhee and Rebecca McDonald participated in the Scottish Official Highland Dancing Association competition and Rebecca won the National trophy and Rhiannon won the Highland trophy.
- The English department piloted the Barrington Stoke 'blurb' competition, which has now been rolled out across the city; internal school winners were S1 – Scott Grattan, S2 – Jade Reid-Harper, S3 – Robbie Hodge.
- Lewis Smith (S5) participated in the NASA Space Camp course in Houston, Texas. He also participated in the Global Leadership course in Washington and he and another S5 pupil (Rachel Mackie) visited Auschwitz.
- One of our S5 girls, Tammy Harkin, has been selected to play for Scottish Schoolgirls under 15s team and has recently been selected for the Scottish Ladies Under 19 squad.
- As St Saviour's was closing, both staff and pupils were involved in a great deal of preparation for a number of events to mark this significant event. Displays of photographs and memorabilia were put together in the school foyer and used as part of three specific events to mark the closure. A dance ('The Final Fling') for staff and former staff was held at the Invercarse hotel, Dundee on Friday 16th May, a final Mass, offered by Bishop Logan and concelebrated by four other priests, with a social event to follow, was held on Tuesday 17th June, and a concert, planned and rehearsed with staff, pupils, former staff and former pupils, was performed on Tuesday 24th June, also followed by a social event.

NURSERY SECTOR

Fintry Nursery School

- Focus on Achievement Award 2007 for "Giving Children a Voice" under category Innovation through a Curriculum for Excellence Nursery.
- Inspection report June 2008 recommended that "The head teacher and staff should continue to maintain the very high quality of nursery provision" and highlighted our innovative and effective good practice in "Reaching out to Parents".
- Heart Start course for parents during our Health Week –one of our grannies put her new skills to the test and saved her grandson's life when he choked on a sweetie.
- A total of 54 families were involved in our Two Year Old pilot group running from December 2006- June 2008.
- Feedback from parents indicated that our pictorial reports were much appreciated. The comments and photographs of the children at play allowed parents to share and discuss the learning taking place with their children at home.
- Smooth transition from nursery to primary 1 – new pictorial reporting form at received positive feedback from Primary 1 staff of our cluster schools.
- Early Years Music Initiative successfully introduced by music tutor and staff to our pre-school children.
- Produced an end of year show for parents based on Early Years Music programme.
- Outdoor all weather play all year round.
- Successful Health Week included activities for parents and carers e.g. Heart Start, salsa dancing and keep fit sessions.

Frances Wright Pre-School Centre

- The centre staff developed and piloted a new profiling system, in which children's achievements and progress in learning were noted under the four capacities of the new Curriculum for Excellence. Notes were accompanied by photographs of each child engaging in nursery activities and collated in a folder which provides parents and children with a positive record of their nursery experience.
- The centre held an ICT day for parents so that they could see and try out all the ICT equipment the children are using in their learning. This was successful and well attended.
- The Outreach Team carried out an end of year evaluation of the service and received very positive comments and ratings. The team continue to support staff in other settings across the city in working with children who have additional support needs.
- Staff and parents have been involved in fundraising, including a Christmas Fair and a sponsored obstacle course. Over £3000 has been raised for a new minibus.
- The centre received £1000 from Radio Tay's Caring for Kids to purchase resources.
- The children continue to make links with the elderly population in the community by entertaining at the local Dundee Age Concern Christmas party.

Jessie Porter Nursery

- Developed garden area through £1500 grant and collaborative working with Leisure and Parks Dept and Architect. Children grew plants and vegetables (and ate the potatoes!).
- Health Promoting Nursery – Introduced Tasty Tuesday and Fruity Friday.
- Supporting local community project by purchasing fruit from Kirkton Co-Op.
- Children designed School Christmas Card and voted as to which one they wanted to be the Nursery card.
- Fundraising Events: Dressing up day for Caring for Kids(£100 raised)
- Sponsored Sing and Sponsored Obstacle Course raised £2000 for school fund.
- Home/School Links: Teddy Bear Packs (children take Teddy home for the night, look after him and take a photograph of what they did with Teddy).
- Home/School Links: Nursery Rhyme of the Week – Children encourage parents to take home copy of Rhyme of the Week and learn it together.
- Community Links: Regular visits to Community Library and Asda.

Law Nursery

- HMIe/Care Commission – the school was given a very good integrated inspection report in January.
- A very successful nativity play was performed which was preceded by a get-together for parents.
- Re-cycling – parents were very supportive of our 'Rag Bag' collections and other re-cycling projects.

- Focus on health – the toothbrushing project has been extended / the tooth varnishing scheme was well supported / the distribution of fruit twice weekly continues to be popular and effective.
- Transition day – as part of the Harris Early Years Cluster Group we took part in a successful transition day.
- Parental involvement – parents were involved in a number of celebrations including Eid, Divali, Chinese New Year, etc.
- Early years music project – a programme of music activities was delivered by a visiting specialist and is being continued by the nursery staff.
- Fun / sports day (including a Father's day event) – this was very well attended and was a much enjoyed and successful event.
- Mother's day tea party – again this was very well attended and very much enjoyed.
- Leaver's day concert – an event to mark the transition of many of our children to primary school... There was a huge turnout of parent and friends who very much enjoyed this event.

Longhaugh Nursery

- Developing garden area with parental support and fund raising, in partnership with Camperdown Rangers.
- Partnership with Scottish Crop Research Institute working on bees and growing potatoes.
- Using a minibus to access the local environment.
- Taking a numeracy and literacy walk around the local environment.
- Initiating and sustaining links with the local library.
- Adaptation of Helen Ward's The Annual Christmas carol to a nativity play for parents and carers.
- Toothbrushing initiative rolled out to all children.
- Participation in Associated Schools Group.
- Developing Theme days in particular Pirates and Princesses and a Spanish Day.

Wallacetown Nursery

- The nursery received a health award for implementation of their project improving 'Outdoor active play'.
- Still on health promotion the nursery successfully extended provision with additional resources for healthy eating and energetic play for children and a series of health workshops for parents.
- In partnership with Parents' Services, parents of afternoon children accessed a 6 week course on 'Children's Behaviour'.
- A very successful and well attended community Fun Day was held on Saturday 23rd June. The nursery raised almost £900 which was spent on outings and new equipment.
- A project entitled the 'Talking Pen' enabled all children to have increased access to hearing home languages in nursery and was very positively received by children, staff and parents alike.
- A pupil, Matthew Sime, took part in a golf tournament at St Andrews in the summer and has been chosen to represent Britain in a golf competition in America.
- An Early Years practitioner successfully completed her PDA and the nursery teacher her Masters degree via the chartered teacher route.

Woodlea Children's Centre

- COME AND PLAY DAYS - Parents invited to come and play and share a session with their children. Opportunity to use resources and find out about what their child is learning. These events are held once a term.
- MINI RECYCLING CENTRE - This has been set up to encourage children to care for their environment. We have collection points for paper/card, cans, plastic and glass.
- MAKING STUFF CRAFT PROJECT - Run in conjunction with DCA, this group is for parents, offers opportunities to try new crafts, develop skills and form new friendships.
- NATIONAL HANDWASHING CAMPAIGN - We have incorporated this programme into our group time activities and re visit it regularly throughout a session. Display and information also available for parents.
- MAKATON - We introduced a weekly signing workshop for parents.
- I AM LEARNING/ I LEARNED - Stickers introduced to share information with parents and children about what they are learning / have learned and further develop the language of learning.

SPECIAL SECTOR

Kingspark

- 'Innovation through A Curriculum for Excellence' Focus on Achievement Award (September 2007).
- Health Promoting Schools Gold Award (September 2008).
- 5 pupils representing Tayside at the National Track & Field Championships for people with a disability.
- The raising of £2072.02 for a school project in Lusangazi in Malawi by secondary pupils.
- A whole school cross-curricular activity day based on a 'Seaside' theme.
- A picture created by one of the pupils was put in the DCC Education Department Calendar.
- A series of Rep Dance workshops for secondary pupils took place which culminated in a whole school performance during the annual cross-curricular activity day.
- 22 pupils took part in the Tayside Gala.
- 7 pupils took part in the Scottish gala.
- Two Leng medal winners within the school.