

## PARENT COUNCIL AGM – 09.09.14

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the developments currently underway in Kingspark and how these impact positively on the young people attending the school.

At the beginning of the academic year, class teams identify, as appropriate, the appropriate Curriculum for Excellence experiences and outcomes to be worked on for individual pupils from P1 to S6. These are then used to identify individual targets that are placed in each pupil's Additional Support Plan. These targets are then tracked annually in order to identify the progress made by each individual pupil.

Young people from Secondary 4 to Secondary 6 complete a variety of National Qualifications at National 1 and National 2 levels. These are delivered within the Senior Phase programme which also incorporates Practical & Aesthetic subjects. The emphasis within Senior Phase is on the development of skills and knowledge which will prepare young people for adult life. We continue to extend the range of National Qualifications being delivered and are looking at introducing new awards for senior phase pupils to get accreditation for their work across the school.

The following projects are the continuing areas for development in the School Improvement Plan 2012-2015 and have been added to as a result of the recent HMIe report and the Independent Review:

### **Fairtrade School**

The Pupil Council will take forward projects relating to becoming a Fairtrade School and organise appropriate Fairtrade events.

### **ECO Schools**

The school has ECO School status. This project will address Curriculum for Excellence targets in a number of curricular areas e.g. Health & Well Being, Social Studies, Numeracy, Science. The Pupil Council will continue to take forward projects relating to ECO School issues

### **Helping pupils without making them Helpless**

The aim of this project is to encourage independence in our young people to a level appropriate to their needs by examining the school environment and developing staff skills. All staff in school have taken part in training around the importance of 'Human Givens', positive approaches and best practice across the school, and are now working on developing their self-checking skills.

### **Developing the Senior Phase**

The Senior Phase programme was implemented in August 2013. The working group continue to monitor its implementation through consultation, questionnaires and focus groups. Further community partnerships are being developed to enhance the programme.

### **Curriculum for Excellence**

The Curriculum for Excellence working group are working on a new format for forward planning, tracking and monitoring. In conjunction with the Assessment working group, an assessment profile tool to map a pupil's progress as they go through the school is also being developed.

The Pupil Council continue to meet once or twice per term. Pupils are nominated in each department so that each area of the school is represented. The PT whole school leads these meetings, with a pupil asked to take notes which are then typed up (in symbol form as well as text) as the minute of the meeting. These are displayed on the Pupil Council noticeboard. A variety of

whole school issues and issues raised by the pupils themselves are discussed and action taken. These include discussion and agreement on school grounds projects, recycling of waste, play area activities and school lunch issues. Pupil council members report the outcome of the meetings to the other pupils in their department and across the school by taking tasks to complete back to their class. Pupil Council members continue to lead the way on the ECO Schools front encouraging pupils around the school to take forward ECO projects.

### School Achievements

- Pupils continue to take part in annual events including the Tayside and National Swimming Galas, Tayside and National Athletic events and Wheelchair country dancing.
- Senior pupils continue to participate in Work Experience placements and staff from ENABLE assist us with this programme.
- Two groups of pupils access The Brae disabled riding facilities on a weekly basis.
- Pupils and staff enjoyed participating in two Enrichment Weeks.
- The Pupil Council continue to organise a Rag Bag collection in the school to encourage the recycling of clothes and shoes. This is also a fundraising project which benefits the school.
- Once again pupils achieved success in the Leng Medal Competition.
- Primary pupils participated in the Scots Singing Competition.
- A number of pupils took part in and were successful in the Music and Art categories at the Dundee Schools Arts Festival.
- A range of Sports Days took place in the summer term where activities were devised to meet the needs of all pupils.
- Pupils also represented the school at the Tayside Track and Field Championships gaining a selection of medals.
- Two pupils carried the Commonwealth Games baton during its journey through Dundee.
- Two secondary pupils performed at the Caird Hall as part of the Dundee Brass Orchestra.
- The annual Kids Out day was very successful with all pupils taking part.

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