



## School Activities 2013 – 2014 Report

- **Mary Erskine Rowing Club** - Support was provided to purchase 4 sets of sculling oars
- **Junior School** - Grants were provided to a number of projects which supported the purchase of a portable Dance Floor, free-standing ballet barres for use during ballet lessons, 3 roller mats for the benefit of the Gymnastic Club, the provision of materials for the building of outdoor furniture to be used by the children in the Junior School playground and for pupils in primary 4, who have been working in partnership with the John Muir Initiative support to create wild spaces, garden areas and habitats for insects
- **Ukuleles** - An expanding group of eclectic musicians received the provision of 3 ukuleles to allow more opportunities for boys to take part.



- **Dads and Lads** - A grant was allocated to the 'Dads and Lads' evening club, which arranges visits from authors who write specifically for teenagers, and this encourages the boys to stimulate their interest in literature.
- **F1 Club** - Now a thriving Club, a grant was able to provide a jig and software.
- **Outdoor Education** - Several activities received the Trust's support. Grants were given to replenish and upgrade stocks of items of equipment used by many senior boys and girls on school projects such as Carbisdale and as well as on smaller expeditions by the Walking Club and outdoor education groups. Specific items purchased include rucksacks and snowshoes. Additional Walkie Talkies were purchased to supplement existing supplies for both Stewarts Melville and Mary Erskine pupils on outdoor expeditions. Canoe buoyancy foam blocks were purchased to replace outdated equipment, which aid the learning techniques of canoeing.



- **Climbing Club** - The Club were able to purchase 10 climbing harnesses and storage boxes, thus minimising the hire of equipment.
- **Scripture Union** - A grant was provided to engage the services of a professional storyteller and purchase new teaching resources to develop the lunchtime sessions of the group.
- **Boarding House - 50th Anniversary.** Dean Park House - the School Boarding House in Queensferry Terrace, celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2013. To mark the event the Trust donated a new electronic piano and large screen television.

