

How did our pupils perform?....

Attainment		2005/6	2006/7	2007/8	2008/9
Reading	Airth PS	90	89	91	91
	EA	84	85	85	85
Writing	Airth PS	86	91	85	84
	EA	81	81	81	82
Mathematics	Airth PS	88	89	93	87
	EA	87	88	87	88

(Note : EA = Average for all Falkirk Council Primary Schools)

The attainment in reading has stayed at the same level this year but is still much higher than Falkirk Council average. Our writing and maths are only 1% different and about the average for Falkirk council. Children are working towards Curriculum for Excellence and taking ownership of their own learning.

Our nursery staff are already implementing Curriculum for Excellence ideas into the nursery environment and the children are benefiting from these new ways of working. The nursery staff are committed to providing the best start for all our children. Everyone in Airth is an effective team member and gives full commitment to the school.

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Education Services

Airth Primary School and Nursery Class Standards & Quality Report Session 2008/09

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you probably know, each year the government and the Council publish information designed to show how well schools and local authorities are improving pupil performance year on year.

In similar fashion, we in Airth Primary School and Nursery Class would like to tell you how we are progressing in our school. This leaflet has been designed to do just that. It is our "Standards and Quality Report" for last session. Inside, you will find a brief description of our main achievements during last session and our main priorities for next session. I hope you find the leaflet helpful. If you have any questions about it, please do not hesitate to phone the school office for an appointment to clarify.

At Airth we have agreed on a vision for our school. Pupils, parents and staff were involved in the discussions.

*Our vision for Airth Primary
is to create a happy and secure
learning environment
where everyone finds
learning fun.*



What we achieved in 2008/09

- Fundraising money was used to purchase two new PC computers for our computer suite. These will be used to enhance the ICT skills of the children throughout next session.
- Active learning was implemented in our infant classes. The children access these activities in our open area. The upper classes intend to use some of these ideas next session.
- Some staff will be attending courses on Co-operative Learning which will then be implemented at these stages within the school. This will encourage the children to work successfully in groups and it will foster a joint attitude towards solving problems.
- Our Health Week allowed the children to learn about keeping healthy and keeping our environment safe and clean. All the children had a wide range of experiences which helped them to understand the wider issues of health and the environment.
- We used some of the money from our Book Fair to purchase new sets of novels to be used at all stages in the school.
- Our Book Week saw children immerse themselves in a variety of reading materials. The P6 children enjoyed their topic of comics so much that they produced their own version which was sold in the school.

• Our priorities for 2009/10....

- We will review the teaching of Literacy using the new experiences and outcomes from Curriculum for Excellence. We will start to look at how we will plan these using a variety of teaching methods to make learning fun.
- We will review the teaching of Numeracy using the new experiences and outcomes from Curriculum for Excellence. We will start to look at how we will plan these using a variety of teaching methods to make learning fun.
- We will review the teaching of health using the new experiences and outcomes from Curriculum for Excellence. We will start to look at how we will plan these using a variety of teaching methods to make learning fun. We also hope to attain Health Promoting Schools Level 3 and a 2nd Eco Green Flag.
- We will use assessment for learning strategies giving the learning intentions and success criteria to enable the children to assess their own learning and progress.
- We will introduce topics about other countries where the children will be involved in planning and decision making on the topic. This will help the children to become better global citizens.
- All staff will be sharing good practice and learning from each other through observation. We are also linking with Carron Primary to share ideas and expertise.