

How did our pupils perform?....

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Education Services

Ladeside Primary School and Nursery Class

Standards & Quality Report Session 2006/07

| ATTAINMENT | | 2004/2005 | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Reading | School | 81 | 85 | 87 |
| | EA | 83 | 84 | 85 |
| Writing | School | 81 | 82 | 85 |
| | EA | 79 | 81 | 81 |
| Mathematics | School | 84 | 82 | 92 |
| | EA | 86 | 87 | 88 |
| Session 2006 – 2007: Listening attainment: 91% Talking attainment: 88% EA: 85% EA: 85% | | | | |

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

These figures demonstrate the excellent work being done at Ladeside Primary School and I must congratulate all pupils and staff for the dedication and effort during last session which contributed to these outcomes. Our aim to keep attainment above 80% has once again been achieved. In addition, we have attained above the average for all Falkirk Council Primary Schools. We are particularly proud of our performance in Mathematics – for the first time we have attained more than 90%.

Thanks to all parents/carers and friends of the school for your on-going partnership and support.

We now look forward to another successful year at Ladeside.

Well done everyone!

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 at Ladeside would like to tell you how we are progressing and this leaflet has been designed to do just that. It is our “Standards and Quality Report” for last session [2006-2007]

Inside, you will find a brief description of our main achievements during last session. Whilst we do many things in the course of a year, we have focused on what we consider to be the most important areas. In similar fashion, I have outlined our main priorities for session 2007-2008.

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. I will be pleased to offer clarification.

K.Hamill [Headteacher]

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Examples of our achievements in Session 2006-2007:

- **Health Promoting Schools** : This continued to be a major focus throughout the whole school and we are well on track to achieving accreditation as a Health Promoting School by December, 2007. All classes provided input to Assemblies, each with a focus on healthy living. We also offered, with the help of our Active Schools' Co-ordinator, a wide variety of clubs and activities. The health of adults is also important, and a BRAW [Being Resilient And Well] group met regularly to address staff health issues.
- **Eco Schools**: We have gained our Bronze Award and are now well on our way to Silver. Our pupils' Eco Warriors committee is very enthusiastic and organised some very successful events during the year [e.g. the Blue Peter shoe appeal and our Rag Bag collections] We will continue, and extend, this initiative next session to include projects with a Global perspective.
- **Enterprise/Creativity** : We certainly have an enterprising school ! All classes have been involved in enterprising activities during the year – from preparing and presenting Assemblies for parents, carers and friends, to putting on shows such as our Christmas concerts and P.3's 'Litter Muncher'. Other events ranged from P.4 Highland Games to a P.5 Museum and even a P.1 Daffodil Tea Dance! These events, and many others, helped us to raise around £2 500 for our chosen charities.
- **Nursery** : Our nursery once again received an excellent report when the Care Commission inspector visited in March, 2007. In addition to involvement with health promotion [and, especially, with aspects of nutrition] our Nursery classes have continued to develop their ICT skills and now look forward to having fun with their new interactive whiteboard.
- **Home /School Partnership** : Our PTA continues to do excellent fund-raising on behalf of our school, a major purchase this year being lovely new stage curtains for the Assembly Hall. Our School Board members have also continued to work hard on behalf of the school, and I would like to thank both PTA and School Board for everything they have done for Ladeside. During Session 2006-2007 all meetings for parents and carers were very well attended and, in particular, the Mathematics Workshops led by Tom Renwick were very popular – we hope to repeat these next session.

Our priorities for Session 2007-2008:

All of our developments at Ladeside are set within the context of National Priorities and 'A Curriculum for Excellence'. We aim to enable all children to develop their capacities as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors to society.

- **Health Promoting Schools** : This continues to be a major focus for Ladeside during this session. All classes will participate in a Health Week planned for March, 2008 to which parents, carers and friends of the school will be invited. Our close partnership with Lisa Kilgannon [Active Schools' Co-ordinator] is on-going, with pupils being given opportunities to participate in a wide range of activities.
- **Technology** : We plan to undertake an extensive whole-school audit of this important area of the curriculum. This will include looking at resources and teaching methodology, as well as seeking input from pupils and parents/carers.
- **English Language** : During session 2007-2008 we will continue to develop, across all curricular areas, our assessment strategies for Listening and Talking. Also, we will be focusing on an important aspect of writing called Writer's Craft, which requires pupils to study, understand and use the author's style of writing.
- **Nursery Classes** : Priorities for 2007-2008 include promoting creativity and thinking skills through play, with special emphasis on Expressive and Aesthetic development. In addition, we will continue to work with children, parents and carers to maintain and extend a healthy and safe approach to life. This includes a planned programme of tooth-brushing sessions for our Nursery children.
- **Home/School Partnership** : As you are aware, School Boards ceased to exist at the end of July, 2007 and have been replaced by a Parent Forum and Parent Council. Here, at Ladeside, the response to this important development in Scottish education has been very positive and we look forward to on-going successful home/ school/ community partnerships.
- **Modern Languages in Primary Schools [MLPS]** : Currently we teach French to pupils in P5, P6 and P7. During session 2007-2008 we hope to introduce a structured programme of French for all pupils, including Nursery. We will keep you informed about this interesting initiative.

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