

How did our pupils perform?....

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Education Services

Ladeside Primary School and Nursery Class

Standards & Quality Report Session 2007/08

ATTAINMENT		2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Reading	School	85	87	90
	EA	84	85	85
Writing	School	82	85	90
	EA	81	81	81
Mathematics	School	82	92	91
	EA	87	88	87
Session 2007 – 2008: Listening attainment: 90% Talking attainment: 88% EA: 87% 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 was to keep attainment above 85% and, as you can see, this has been achieved. In addition, we have attained above the average for all Falkirk Council Primary Schools. We are particularly proud of our much improved performance in Writing – for the first time we have attained 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 [2007-2008]

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 2008-2009.

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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In addition to our pupils' excellent achievements in Mathematics and English Language, here are some of our other successes in Session 2007-2008:

- **Health Promoting Schools** : This continued to be a whole school priority during Session 2007-2008 and, in September, 2007 we were delighted to achieve Enhanced Health Promoting School Level 2. Our pupils again participated in a very wide range of activities, including skiing and horse riding. In June, 2008 Ladeside's Taekwondo Club won the first ever inter- schools Taekwondo championship.
- **Home /School Partnership** : Our PTA worked very hard on behalf of the school and, in particular, we are grateful for their support of our pupils' out-of-school learning opportunities. Our newly-formed Parent Council met regularly and focused not only on school initiatives [e.g. CARS group and road safety] but also contributed to council-wide issues, such as the proposed changes to the school week.
- **Modern Languages in Primary Schools [MLPS]** : As before, we continued to teach French to pupils in P.5, P.6 and P.7. In addition, we provided training for staff to enable us to have a structured programme of French for all pupils, including Nursery. This went well and we are planning to continue with this initiative in Session 2008- 2009.
- **Nursery Classes** : Congratulations once again to our Nursery for an excellent report following the visit of the Care Commission inspector in February, 2008. During the year our Nursery children were involved in lots of health-promoting activities, including daily tooth-brushing sessions. Weekly P.E. sessions with Mr. Archibald and our football 'training' with Sports Development were a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all !
- **Citizenship and Enterprise** : This is a major strength at Ladeside, with all classes being involved in a wide variety of creative and enterprising activities during Session 2007-2008. Thanks to the generosity of pupils, families and friends of the school, we were able to raise £2500 for our chosen charities. In addition, our 'Skipathon' organised by Lisa Kilgannon, our Active Schools' Co-ordinator, raised £2000 for school funds.

Our priorities for Session 2008-2009:

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. In addition to ensuring that our pupils apply their ICT skills across all curricular areas, we will focus on:

- **Active Learning** : This is a way of working which helps children to develop important skills and knowledge and a positive attitude to learning. This is especially important in the Early Years when children are entering primary one. Our aim at Ladeside is to make the 'transition' from nursery as smooth as possible by allowing the children to experience learning through play which is meaningful and purposeful.
- **World of Work** : As a whole-school initiative we are planning a World of Work Week in March, 2009. We will provide pupils with a variety of activities and information to increase their knowledge of 'life in the workplace' We hope to have many parents, carers and friends of Ladeside coming into school that week to share their work-related experiences with the pupils.
- **Storyline** : One of the aims of the Curriculum for Excellence is to link up pupils' learning across subject areas so that it makes sense and is more relevant to 'real-life' situations. One way of doing this is by using real and imaginary characters and settings to help children explore their topic – this is called 'Storyline' and during Session 2008-2009 we will use this approach for some of our topic work. You may also wish to visit www.storyline-scotland.com for more information.
- **Nursery Classes** : This will be another busy year in our nursery! We are hoping to further develop our outside space by improving the garden area and all nursery children will be visiting local garden centres to get some good ideas. Our coffee mornings for parents/carers will continue, with input from health visitors/ family support workers and school staff.

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