

### How did our pupils perform.

Attainment		06 / 07	07 / 08	08 / 09
Reading	Langlees	72%	73%	75%
	E.A.	85%	85%	85%
Writing	Langlees	66%	65%	66%
	E.A.	81%	81%	82%
Maths	Langlees	76%	85%	77%
	E.A.	88%	87%	88%

Note. E.A.—Average for all Falkirk Council Schools.

Each year the above information is gathered from pupils in Primaries 3, 4, 6 & 7 who reached the appropriate levels. Included in these figures are pupils with Enhanced Provision and Learning Difficulties. At Langlees we have 11 pupils with Enhanced Provision who account for approximately 8% of the School Population whilst at least another 23% receive Learning Support. The vast majority of these pupils find it difficult to achieve expected levels of attainment. The figures above do not take account of children who exceed the expected levels for their age. In June 2009 P6 were above the authority average in both Reading and Maths. In P3 all girls attained or exceeded expected levels in all areas. Higher levels than expected were attained overall by 34% of our pupils in Reading, 15% in Writing and 16% in Maths.

\*Expected Levels:

- A - by P3
- B - by P4
- C - by P6
- D - by P7

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**Langlees Primary School**

and

**Nursery Class**

**Standards & Quality Report**

**Session 2008/2009**



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 Langlees 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 the 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. I have outlined the school's 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. I will be pleased to offer clarification.

I commend staff for their dedication, enthusiasm and hard work during the last session, the pupils on all their hard work and enthusiasm and you the parents for your on-going support.

*Janeine Patrick*  
Headteacher

### **Our Priorities for 2008/2009**

- ✧ Continue to raise achievement and attainment in all our pupils.
- ✧ Continue to develop Active Learning in Nursery.
- ✧ Develop a progression of Enterprise Skills in P1—P7.
- ✧ Develop Active Literacy through Co-operative Learning.
- ✧ Develop Active Literacy through Book Detectives.
- ✧ Develop Personal Safety Programme P1—P7.
- ✧ Continue to monitor and improve attendance.

**..... and more on our Nursery!**

- ✧ We were visited by the Care Commission: Feedback was very positive.

**Key Strengths identified included:**

- ✧ The Nursery had a very good approach to involving children and families in assessing and influencing the quality of care and support provided.
- ✧ Children were cared for by qualified and experienced staff.
- ✧ Children had been involved in contributing to and developing use of space in the Nursery Environment.
- ✧ An extensive range of information for families was available in reception and examples of children's art work and informative displays were exhibited throughout the premises.
- ✧ Feedback from parents and carers indicated that they felt that the staff team knew their children very well as individuals, interacted well with them and treated them fairly and respectfully.
- ✧ There was a positive and welcoming atmosphere.

**Some of what we achieved in 2008/2009**

- ✧ The Behaviour Management Policy was revised. This review was led by Miss Malloy who worked closely with pupils, staff and parents. We now have an updated policy which continues to focus on Positive Behaviour with lots of fabulous rewards for pupils who keep our school rules.
- ✧ To continue to improve standards in Literacy we reviewed our Spelling Programme. Staff attended In-Service from a local Headteacher who presented a programme called Target Spelling. This has been very successful in raising pupils achievement in spelling in other schools. The programme will be introduced in P3 and continue through to P7.
- ✧ Teaching staff have been reviewing resources for the teaching of Maths. Planning formats are also under review. Guidelines and Planners are in place for Level A Maths—taking an active approach to learning and teaching. We will continue to develop other stages
- ✧ ICT also featured in our Improvement Plan last session. Staff identified opportunities for the use of ICT across the curriculum. We considered the value of subscribing to a Commercial Education site to support Maths and Language development across the school. We now have access to an excellent resource called Education City which will compliment our other ICT resources.

### **Some more of what we achieved in 2008/2009**

- ✧ To raise expectations and ambition about future careers and promote enthusiasm for learning we repeated the Fantastic Futures conference at Forth Valley College for Primary 7. Keynote speakers set the scene for pupils providing inspiration and ambition while a wide range of contributors provided the children with information about careers. The children thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and we raised many pupils' aspirations.
- ✧ The pupils in P6 & P7 worked with Mr Fagan our Youth Music Initiative Tutor to produce a C.D. which included items performed by the Senior and Junior Samba Bands.
- ✧ Early last session all pupils took part in our first Storytelling Festival. Sylvia Troon (Puppeteer and Storyteller) worked with the Nursery pupils and Yvonne Manning (School Library Services) held workshops for all pupils. The week culminated in a Storytelling Day where children were encouraged to showcase their own stories.
- ✧ Mrs Connell's P6 class worked with staff from the Royal Bank of Scotland. They learned how to be tellers and bankers and generally were made aware of strategies to promote Financial Management.

### **And last but not least.**

#### **Our Nursery**

- ✧ Staff continued to encourage parents and pupils to promote Healthy Lifestyles. Healthy Recipes and information to support Parent/Carers in promoting Health and Wellbeing were included in home/school link sheets. Food—Lab also visited the Nursery.
- ✧ The children and parents were involved in the retelling of the "Billy Goats Gruff" for our storytelling week. Pupils confidence in storytelling has improved. Children were encouraged to use creative thinking skills by considering "Who, What and When" questions.
- ✧ Staff have been working hard to develop Active Learning in the Nursery.
- ✧ Children were involved in choosing the topic for the month and mind mapping takes place through discussion with them. They are now more confident in giving ideas and feedback.
- ✧ Parents as Partners Group met several time to discuss the Nursery Curriculum and other Nursery Issues.

..... and even more!!

- ✧ Pupil Performances from P1—P3 Nativity and from P4—P7 Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat were a sell out. The Christmas concert was only topped by the unlimited talents of the “Staff Choir” who performed ‘The Cowboy Carol’ and ‘I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday’ much to the amusement of the parents and pupils!
- ✧ We were lucky to be involved in the Carron Connect Project which focussed on Communities Along the Carron. Many of our P4 pupils were very successful in the Open Art Competition and went on to enjoy some Art Lessons with a renowned local artist. Our Tidy Team and Eco Group took part in a Bio-diversity walk along the Carron locally and last but not least one of our current P5 pupils was asked to recite her poem at the Town Hall in September.

..... and still more!

- ✧ We continued to promote Health & Fitness in Langlees Primary through the following events:
  - P6 took part in the Annual Primary Schools Athletics Event held at Grangemouth Stadium in May. The ethos of the day is participation not competition. All pupils had a great day!
  - Several of our Senior Pupils participated in the Cross Country Championships held in Stirling early in the New Year.
  - Our participation in the Annual—Keep on Running Event organised by members of the Community Council was very successful. Langlees Primary took possession of the Keep on Running Trophy thanks to the fast feet of one of our P7 boys.
- ✧ P6 were very successful in their quest for National Success in the Knex Challenge. The children are required to carry out a task which involves not only team work but also quite advanced technology/engineering skills. Our team reached the National Finals.