

## How did our pupils perform?

Attainment		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Reading	Moray	88	91	
	PS	85	85	
	EA			
Writing	Moray	77	77	
	PS	80	81	
	EA			
Mathematics	Moray	88	84	
	PS	88	87	
	EA			

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

Our attainment overall is good with some encouraging results in P3, P6 and P7. Broad banding within stages has impacted on attainment but we are unsure how this will work with the onset of A Curriculum for Excellence. We acknowledge support from home for pupils and also additional support within school for those pupils requiring it. Small group teaching within our Enhanced Provision is increasing attainment for some of our pupils and this is very encouraging. We will continue to share information with home in terms of level attained and next targets when appropriate. In time, National Assessments will cease being used as other assessment strategies replace them. This is part of the overall Curriculum for Excellence philosophy. At this time though we do not know what new assessment will look like but we will inform you as and when we know ourselves.

Standardised testing this session in P2 and P5 showed excellent results in English and this will continue as part of a council wide policy. What is just as important is the fact that no major surprises

came to light from this testing and that gives us confidence in what we already are doing.

Sheena Wright  
Headteacher

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**  
*Education Services*

**Moray 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 Moray Primary School and Nursery Class would like to tell you how we are progressing in our school. This letter 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. 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 also outlined the school's main priorities for this session. In writing the report I have used the four capacities of a Curriculum for Excellence to show how our work is developing these themes – Effective Contributors, Successful Learners, Confident Individuals and Responsible Citizens. Sometimes a piece of work can cover more than one capacity. This information can be seen at each achievement and priority.

I hope you find the report 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 help if I can.

Sheena Wright  
Headteacher



### What we achieved in 2008 / 09 ....

- This year we concentrated our efforts on school self evaluation. We used the Quality Indicators in “How Good Is Our School 3” (HGIO3) which we didn’t scrutinise last session to complete the set. We assessed evidence of strengths and development needs and are now in a better position to know what we do well and what we need to improve to make school a better place for the children of Moray **Successful Learners / Effective Contributors / Confident Individuals / Responsible Citizens**
- Our working groups reviewed existing policies to update and improve them. In total we revised policies for homework – with a lot of help from parents / carers – Enterprise, Positive Behaviour and Mathematics – Numeracy as we are now calling this. These have all been agreed and will form the basis of our work in these areas next session. We overestimated what could be done so some of this work is ongoing.

**Successful Learners / Effective Contributors / Confident Individuals / Responsible Citizens**

- “Respect Me” training went really well and all staff benefitted from this. We will continue this work next session to allow us to give a lot of thought into the strategies we use to develop good and positive behaviour at Moray. We have some ideas already but will include pupils

and parents / carers in this work. **Successful Learners / Effective Contributors / Confident Individuals / Responsible Citizens**

- Our ECO group under the leadership of Mrs Howie, Miss Deans and Miss Multani achieved Green Flag status which is amazing. I am so proud of all of them – they were absolute stars during the assessment day (and many other days in fact). The outdoor classroom is ready for use now and was a real partnership effort. Awards for All granted us £10 000 and we had assistance from several local businesses either in money, goods or manpower. I'd like to give particular thanks to Asda and Bardon Concrete for their help and support. The new classroom is fantastic and will be well used by our pupils. **Successful Learners / Effective Contributors / Confident Individuals / Responsible Citizens**
- Within nursery we developed IT and wrote a policy which can begin in nursery but follow through to P7. Nursery and other classrooms also now have Smart boards and we have to thank our PTA members whose fundraising has paid for many of these. The children benefit from this interactive equipment and this really enhances learning and teaching across school and across all curricular areas. Staff development is ongoing. **Successful Learners / Confident Individuals**
- Makaton training was completed by two staff members in nursery – a form of sign language. This is a method of communication taught to some children with additional support needs and will be used as and when appropriate. **Successful Learners**
- We sustained our Health Promoting School ethos and included some new events which tied in well with our ECO work e.g. “nae” packaging days, healthy living in the outdoor classroom and cycle proficiency assessments. This will be part of an ongoing whole school development – nursery to P7. **Successful Learners / Effective Contributors / Confident Individuals / Responsible Citizens**

### **What else have we been up to?**

This year we increased parental partnership and had many events with invited family and guests.

We had families at all Class assemblies and feedback was very good.

Primary 1 Grandparents enjoyed an afternoon of fun as they went on a magical mystery tour of school.

The end of topic party when Storyline character Edward went to boarding school was fabulous with over 100 parents / carers attending.

Enhanced Provision pupils have had several events in the base this year and families have enjoyed listening to stories, afternoon tea and a beetle drive.

Enterprise featured in a major way this session starting with our mini Olympics which were organised by P7 staff and pupils. This was a great occasion and many parents / carers came to cheer on the competitors.

During the year we have once again raised a lot of money for charities through Helping Pennies and specific "one off" events such as:

- The P5 pyjama party
- Dress down days
- Raffles
- An evening beetle drive for family and friends of P7
- P3 word search
- Nursery back packs for Malawi

All children have taken part in an enterprise event – some have raised money and some have done it to enjoy the challenge. Either way this is a very important part of learning now and will continue to be part of our work at Moray.

Our Pupil council and ECO committee have enjoyed great success this year and have been very actively involved in decision making within school. We are very lucky here with our pupils and we acknowledge and appreciate the support we get from home.

Four pupils went to meet Princess Anne at Strathcarron Hospice and this was a most enjoyable event.

We have taken part in lots of sporting events over the year and won some. The important thing for me though is that our pupils behave responsibly and are a credit to us. I am very proud that we can take Moray pupils most anywhere with confidence. This reflects well on home and school.

We have been learning and growing things and playing outside and making items for sale and just to eat. We had another successful Open Evening in October with market stalls and tasting sessions as well as a Book Fair to buy treats. This was really well attended and set us up nicely for some good partnership work.

The children have created models of European landmarks and more local things like the airstrip etc. Every model was better than the one before and the displays brought about lots of interest and many favourable comments.

We were fortunate enough during the year to host some visitors from Holland and they were very impressed with our displays and the way we work in Scotland. Our children played hosts and guides for the day and were superb.

We celebrated our own culture during the year with a mini Mod in October organised by a parent – Mrs Elizabeth McLay. This coincided with the Mod in Falkirk and was a

brilliant event for our children. We also had our annual Scottish week ending with hosting the local Scottish Poetry Competition.

Children have taken their work to Enterprise Challenges and IT Fairs within the council where we showcase what we are doing in Moray.

This gives some pupils the opportunity to tell others about their own successes and this is very important to us.

Two girls went with me to speak to student teachers who are hoping to work in Falkirk Council during their probationary year. This was done with confidence and apparent ease – and FC now has something like 89 probationers working in schools during session 2009 / 2010.

How's that for good PR?

Every class had at least one trip during the year and all were enjoyable and useful to the children. Some were cultural, some curricular and some purely for pleasure.

Irrespective of why the children went out of school, the cost of these is very high and we are very fortunate to have a great group of people on our PTA who fund raise to support the work of school. Each class had one trip subsidised by the PTA.

Our PTA raised something in the region of £7000 this session which is a fabulous achievement. Our school could not function as it does without this support and we are extremely grateful to our PTA for all their hard work.

I think the most popular event this year was the Mobile Adventure Course which raised lots of money and was enjoyed by most children. It appeared to be great fun.

The MPP – Moray Parent Partnership – has also had a busy year with many items to think about and responses to make to council. Lynne Paterson has ably chaired this group and meetings have taken place regularly to discuss school related matters. I would like to thank the MPP for their continued support.

This year the group was instrumental in planning the signage which is attached to the perimeter railings and which has been well admired – it's just a pity it hasn't had the desired effect of making folks drive more carefully and park away from Moray Place.

Many pupils here achieve things out of school and we have a "Proud" wall dedicated to photos and information about these things. This gives me particular pleasure and means that we are able to highlight special talents which our pupils have and which we may not otherwise know about. The items are changed regularly and this is because more and more children are bringing to our attention things which they are good at outside school.

These achievements are as important to us as pupil attainment. If we are to educate the "whole" child then we need to showcase all talents and skills – not just language or

maths. What is good though is that some children who are not academic have enormous talent in some other way and this is really something to be proud of.

These are just a few of the other things we have been doing at Moray and I hope you find this interesting and useful – this is your school and we want you to feel that you know what is going on.

At the back of this report are some photos of Moray children – we hope you can see the enjoyment and fun which they are having with their learning.

## Our priorities for 2009 / 2010

This session our targets are:

- To involve staff and pupils in the evaluation of our Improvement Plans. We started this work late in session 2008 / 2009 and want to build upon this. Pupils and staff will be able to highlight strengths and development needs through the year. We will use collaborative skills when doing this with children  
**Effective Contributors**
- To take forward and plan systematically for changes within Scottish Education – this is called A Curriculum for Excellence. **Successful Learners, Effective Contributors, Responsible Citizens, Confident Individuals**
- To ensure Active Learning for all pupils from nursery to P7.  
**Successful Learners**
- To enable pupils to work in a collaborative way across all areas of the curriculum. **Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Effective Contributors**
- To review and improve the use made of our shared areas.
- To improve the way we do our Staff Reviews

- To give opportunities for all pupils to be confident individuals, successful learners, responsible citizens and effective contributors by adopting the experiences and outcomes of A Curriculum for Excellence
- To highlight Health and Wellbeing as a major focus of our work with pupils. **Confident Individuals, Successful Learners, Responsible Citizens, Effective Contributors**
- To improve our strategies for Positive Behaviour. **Responsible Citizens, Effective Contributors**
- To increase opportunities between home and school to work in partnership
- To create a new team within our nursery class