

How did our pupils perform?...

| Attainment | | 2003/4 | 2004/5 | 2005/6 | 2006/7 |
|-------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Reading | Slamannan | 78 | 67 | 70 | 67 |
| | EA | 83 | 83 | 84 | 85 |
| Writing | Slamannan | 66 | 68 | 68 | 58 |
| | EA | 77 | 79 | 81 | 81 |
| Mathematics | Slamannan | 70 | 77 | 82 | 71 |
| | EA | 84 | 86 | 87 | 88 |

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

As you can see from the table above, we have seen a drop in our reading, maths and writing levels. We will continue to take steps towards raising attainment next session as detailed in the School Improvement Plan. It should be noted however that in small schools like us, figures in the pupil attainment do fluctuate due to numbers. Our attainment figures also reflect the progress of all children, including those within our Enhanced Provision for whom progress may be achieved at a slower pace. In Slamannan Primary School, we recognise and value the role of parents, carers and the wider school community and appreciate their support in their children's learning. I would also like to commend all members of staff and our pupils for their hard work, dedication and achievement during last session.

Margaret Watson
Headteacher

Slamannan Primary School

FALKIRK COUNCIL EDUCATION SERVICES



Standards & Quality Report Session 2006-2007



Slamannan Primary School Standards & Quality Report 2006-2007

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 Slamannan Primary School 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.

In this leaflet, you will find a brief description of the main things we achieved this session and, building upon these, our priorities for next session. Whilst we do many things in the course of a year we have focussed on what we consider to be some of the most important areas. More in depth details and future planned developments are contained within the School improvement Plan which can be accessed at school.

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.

Margaret Watson
Headteacher

What we achieved in 2006/2007

- We have continued to develop pupil's skills in reading by implementing the new reading scheme with all classes. This has proved popular, with the children themselves stating that their interest in reading has increased, and many feel that their work has seen an improvement
- P.1 has continued to receive Storybags, and these have also now been issued to P.2 with initial results being very positive.
- Our Book Fair Week was a great success raising a total of £570
- Book Fair Events
 - Rory Story
 - Library skills
 - Travelling story
 - Storytelling
 - Wrote own book and shared with parents
- A new phonics programme was also put into place in P.1, and over the course of the year, children have shown that they have a secure knowledge of their sounds.
- A workshop was held to inform parents of how best to support their child.
- Staff have continued to be involved in training to further develop their ICT skills, particularly in the use of the interactive whiteboard which has proved stimulating and enjoyable for the children.
- We also gained a bronze award in Falkirk Council's ICT Competition with P.5's entry of an animation on their Recycling project. Well done Primary 5! We are very proud of your achievement.

What we achieved in 2006/2007

During this session we have increased staff awareness of the Scottish Executive's Curriculum for Excellence. We also reviewed our school aims to ensure that they are in line with this new initiative and issued a copy to parents/carers for comment. We are now ready to implement these aims from August 2007.

School Aims

We at Slamannan P.S. aim to:

- Promote and celebrate achievement and attainment
- Provide a safe, caring, inclusive and enriching learning environment
- Be welcoming to all children, parents, staff and visitors
- Promote a healthy, active lifestyle
- Develop confident individuals with ambition who feel valued, supported, respected and happy
- Develop responsible citizens who care for themselves, others and their environment
- Develop effective contributors who make balanced choices and decisions with impact
- Develop successful learners who are motivated and reflect on and share best practice

We also aim to:

- Create a learning community which:
- Develops enquiring minds and a spirit of curiosity and enterprise
- Encourages all stakeholders to work independently, creatively and collaboratively
- Actively promotes learning partnerships between home, school and the community
- Promotes flexibility and adaptability for a changing world

We undertook to review and revise our PSD Policy and Guidelines to ensure a more consistent approach throughout the whole school. Staff also undertook training on Circle Time and this is now being implemented in all classes.

During the session, our children were very active in fundraising for worthwhile causes. This was part of encouraging them to be responsible citizens in line with A Curriculum for Excellence.

Think Pink Day [Breast Cancer]

P3/4 and P7 organised a Fairtrade Coffee morning as part of an Enterprise project.

Primary 2/3's organised lots of fun activities after an informative Assembly on the uses of the funds raised on Red Nose Day.

Primary 7 organised their own sponsored dance and sold some of their teddy bears to raise money for The Pilgrimage Trust.

Many of the children participated in growing "Pots of care" to raise money for Marie Curie Nurses.

We have been working hard this year to become more energy efficient and P.7 entered the Scottish Power Energy Challenge in which they had to give presentations to a panel of judges. We were awarded second place and were presented with a cheque for £200.

As part of their presentations to the judges, Primary 7 had to explain the models they had built on how the school of the future could conserve electricity.

In addition to this Mrs Bell and the newly formed Eco Committee encouraged us all to become more environmentally friendly.

What we achieved in 2006/2007

Lots of activities were undertaken to encourage us to become a "green school" Falkirk Council's Environmental Officer organised an audit of our school waste The whole school became very involved in making sure our playground was a litter-free zone

All areas of the school now use their blue bags to gather up paper rubbish weekly. This is then taken to our recycling container every Friday to await collection.

P5 visit the bottle bank as part of their recycling topic

But the success of recycling involves all children—and here we have Primary $\frac{1}{2}$ sharing their assembly on recycling with us.

After these activities were externally judged, we were delighted to be assessed as an eco-friendly school and were awarded our first "Green Flag." We are currently awaiting the erection of our flagpole and very soon the flag will be flying over Slamannan Primary School.

Our priorities for 2007/08....

We shall continue to focus on individual pupils' progress in order to ensure appropriate progression from prior levels of attainment.

We shall continue to develop reading skills by further embedding the new reading scheme and encouraging the use of novel studies by the children. We will also develop reading across the curriculum to ensure a balance of all skills. Having trialled and evaluated Paired Reading in the past, we will now implement it with P.3-7.

The use of Storybags will also be securely embedded in P.1 and P.2.

Staff will undergo further training in the implementation of Interactive

- Mental Maths with the children in order to develop and increase confidence and speed in mental agility.
- We will also continue to implement problem solving, encouraging the children to identify and use various strategies effectively.

Our revised school aims will be implemented as from August 2007 and we shall seek to raise awareness of the new Curriculum for Excellence amongst pupils and parents/carers. We also await further information from the Scottish Executive as to how this initiative will affect the curriculum

As we work towards a health-promoting school we shall encourage a healthy lifestyle in a variety of ways. Over the course of the year parents/carers will be invited to join their children for lunch and healthy choice packed lunches and snacks will be encouraged. Senior pupils will be invited to attend an out of school hours cookery club which shall promote healthy, nutritional values.

Staff will also undertake the basic food hygiene course to allow them to include cookery skills as part of their lessons in various curricular areas. All children will be involved in an increased amount of physical education during each week. P.6 and P.7 will also be given the opportunity to complete the Cycling Proficiency award. The use of the playground zones shall also be continued as this has proved a successful venture.