

COMELY PARK SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLASS



STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

FOR SESSION 2011 - 2012



Dear Parent/Carer,

We in Comely Park 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 this session (2011 to 2012).

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 outlined the school's main priorities for next session (2012-2013).

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 and thank the 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 and carers for your on-going support.

Janice Collins

Headteacher

SOME OF THE THINGS WE DID IN SCHOOL THIS SESSION

2011 TO 2012

- We continued to put in place the changes related to Curriculum for Excellence. We finalised our policies in Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing.
- We continued to moderate the way we assess writing in our school and worked with another Primary School to compare marking and grading.
- We had a Health and Wellbeing Week. The highlight of the week was an open evening when the pupils led their parents round the school to see the work they have been doing in Environmental Health and Wellbeing.

Feedback was good . Some of the comments were :

"Great evening. Thank you and lovely that the kids were the guides showing off to mum and dad their school."

"Thought it was a useful opportunity to get a sense of what the kids have been up to and it was probably more rewarding to see how proud and happy my daughter was to show us what they had been doing"

"Lovely to see all the children's work and the happy vibrant learning environment."

- As part of our Literacy week we invited two important writers to our school. One was Stuart Reid. Stuart is a former Comely Park pupil who has just published his first book "Gorgeous George and the Giant Geriatric Generator." The other visitor was Liz Lochhead the Scottish Poet Laureate or Makar. Our



pupils had written to Liz to congratulate her on being appointed Makar and to invite her in to school to meet our own Makar - Laura McKenna of P6. Liz kindly agreed to come and was the special guest at Poetry Parties where pupils from every class in the school recited their own poems to her,

she read and spoke to the children as well as answering their questions. One of the questions Liz was asked was "Where is the most memorable place you have been to as the Makar ?" The answer was "Comely Park School." It was certainly a memorable day for everyone and an excellent opportunity for everyone to focus on poetry and writing.

- We continued to celebrate success within the four capacities at our monthly Celebration Assemblies. The four capacities are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.
- As well as our Celebration Assemblies each class presented their own assembly to which they invited parents and carers. This continued to open up learning and feedback was very positive.
- We continue to work closely with our Parent Teacher Association and our Parent Council to further enhance our school.
- Every class enjoyed outings and visits throughout Scotland. P7 pupils visited Dalguise in Perthshire for a residential activity holiday. This really enhanced their independence, confidence and team spirit.
- We participated in a range of sporting activities. In Cross Country our P7 Girls Team were the Falkirk Champions. The football teams played well and the P7 boys finished 4th out of 27 in the Falkirk Champions League. We won the Falkirk Cluster Shield Football Tournaments for P6/7 Girls, P5 and P6/7 Boys. Our swimmers competed



well with Anya Reed finishing as Scottish under 12 Breaststroke Champion. Our Rugby Teams took first and second in the Falkirk Rugby Club World Cup. Our P7 Basketball Team took part in the Jump2it Challenge and reached the final. They played at half time in a Glasgow Rocks game and

finished runners up in the competition. Just recently we were runners up in the Falkirk Tennis Tournament.

- Our P7 Quiz Team were the winners of the Falkirk Rotary Club Quiz.
- We were presented with a Platinum Award for Enterprise. This is the highest award possible. This confirmed our school as a can do school with an enterprising attitude.

Some of the things we plan to do in our school next session

2012 - 2013

- We are going to introduce restorative approaches to conflict resolution in school.
- We will continue to develop our programme of work in Health Education
- Our Teacher Learning Community will continue to share good practice between teaching staff.
- We will continue to develop active literacy throughout the school.
- We will develop science within our school
- We will expand the use of Pupil Profiles for use within reporting.

SOME OF THE THINGS WE DID IN OUR NURSERY

2011 - 2012



- We have been working to develop a high quality Nursery experience with our new staff structure.
- We further developed transitional links with P1 by taking part in a successful joint project.
- Children enjoyed visits to Callendar Park, MacRobert Centre to see "Ring a

Ding Ding," Falkirk Town Hall to see "In the Attic" and the Safari Park to name but a few.

- We enjoyed visits from a range of interesting visitors - The Minister (Mr Allan), Community Police Officer, Veterinary Nurse, musicians etc.
- Health and Wellbeing visits from the Dental Health Co-ordinator, hand washing demonstration, healthy food tasting session from Tesco and visits from parents who were nurses etc.
- Parents joined us for a French Concert, our Christmas Nativity with Primary 1, outings etc.
- We all enjoyed a very successful garden party to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.
- We continued to develop links with other Nurseries and Playgroups.
- We sold some of the vegetables we grew in the Nursery garden to parents.
- We organised a Beauty Evening as a fundraiser which was very much enjoyed by all who attended.



SOME OF THE THINGS WE PLAN TO DO IN OUR NURSERY NEXT SESSION (2012 - 2013)

- Continue to develop a high quality Nursery Experience
- Adopt the new Learning Profile for tracking development
- Further develop foreign languages in the Nursery by introducing Spanish
- Continue to improve the Nursery website for parents.
- Continue to develop outcomes and experiences within a Curriculum for Excellence and include this in all our planning.
- Continue to encourage development of a positive attitude towards literacy , numeracy and health and wellbeing through a wide range of Nursery activities.
- Develop science in the nursery through various activities.

SO THAT'S OUR STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

We hope you have enjoyed reading our Standards and Quality Report. The most important pronouns at Comely Park are "we" and "our" and the we and our referred to are pupils, parents and staff. In keeping with the Scottish values of Wisdom, Justice, Compassion and Integrity we aspire at Comely Park to be an active learning and teaching community. We want our pupils to maximise achievement as they become confident individuals, successful learners, effective contributors and responsible citizens. We want them to be a part of a caring and supportive team. In all aspects of our work, we:

- Conduct our business with mutual respect, tolerance, fairness and equality.
- Embrace diversity, promote inclusion for all in a proud, safe and welcoming environment.
- Communicate and listen in order to involve everyone.
- Move forward as enthusiastic, life long learners through partnership with parents, carers and the wider community.

