

St Patrick's Primary



Standards & Quality Report 2017-2018

and

School Improvement Plan 2018-2019

Family Edition

2018-2019





Vision, Values and Aims of the School Community



Our Vision

In St Patrick's we strive to provide a secure, happy, caring school in which each child is nurtured and enabled to achieve his/her full potential through effective learning and teaching experiences of the highest quality. Our motto is inspired by our Patron Saint, St Patrick; *Christ be beside me in all I say, all I do and all I am.*

Our Values

In session 2016-2017, our whole school community reviewed and refreshed our Values. Members of St Patrick's Community have **Kindness** at the heart of all we do, and are guided by the **3 Rs** and **2 As**; **Respect**, **Rights** and **Responsibility** and **Ambitious** to **Achieve**.

Our Aims

- To foster an open, welcoming and caring school in which all children feel safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included.
- To nurture successful learners by providing all pupils with the best opportunities to achieve their full potential and prepare them for a life of learning.
- To inspire responsible citizens who develop positive attitudes to serve the common good and promote social justice and opportunity for all.
- To form confident individuals with a self-belief and passion for using their God given talents to pursue excellence for themselves and others.
- To encourage effective contributors with enterprising attitudes, resilience and independent skills capable of positively impacting on the communities in which they live.
- To develop as a community of faith, promoting Gospel values and respecting the dignity of all God's children.



Standards and Quality Report 2017-2018

In our Standards and Quality Report for Session 2017-2018, we review our progress with the improvements we planned for. We also review the attainment data that we have for Session 2016-2017 to help us plan areas to target for further improvement.

How did we do?

By the end of Primary 1, the percentage of pupils achieving Early Level in Listening & Talking, Reading, Writing and Numeracy is higher than the national average.

By the end of Primary 4, the percentage of pupils achieving First Level in Listening & Talking, Reading and Numeracy is higher than the national average and just below the national average in Writing.

By the end of Primary 7, the percentage of pupils achieving Second Level in Listening & Talking, Reading, Writing and Numeracy is higher than the national average.

The only gap between the percentage of pupils achieving a level in our school and the national average was in Writing at P4 stage. Raising attainment in Writing has been a key priority of our School Improvement Plan for 2017-2018 and a first look at the data shows an increase in Writing attainment at the P4 stage.

	Listening & Talking %		Reading %		Writing %		Numeracy%	
	St Patrick's	National	St Patrick's	National	St Patrick's	National	St Patrick's	National
P1	94	85	92	80	92	77	100	83
P4	85	83	78	77	67	71	93	75
P7	89	81	83	76	71	69	74	70

Key Achievements

Pupil Voice Groups have grown and their impact has developed. We now have a Playground Team and a Charities Group that have supported many developments.

1st place for P2 and P4 in the Inverclyde Music Festival, and 2nd place for P1. P3 and P4 were invited to perform at the Grand Concert on the final night of the Festival! What an honour! Many of our solo vocalists and violinists competed with great success too.

Our netball team won 3rd in the final Netball Festival. Our athletics team had a great season too and came 2nd in December's tournament.

We have had great partnership working with Community Learning & Development and our weekly parent/carer drop-in café welcomes families every Friday morning.



School Improvement Plan 2018-2019

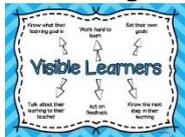


Our improvement plan shows what we will work on in our school this year and tells us how we will do that. Having talked and listened to staff, pupils and parents, our priorities for this session are:

1. Focusing on raising attainment in reading. Throughout the year teachers in St Patrick's will be meeting with teachers from St Mary's and All Saints to share good practice. Also, teachers will be trained in new approaches to help all children be more successful in reading.



2. Making learning more visible to children. This means helping children develop their understanding of what they are learning, why they are learning and how they are learning so they can apply their skills throughout their learning.



3. Helping children develop their personal, social and emotional skills. Mrs Duffy, our Nurture Teacher will help us with this. We have also bought a new resource called PATHS to help us teach our children about personal, social and emotional skills.



4. We are continuing to use Spanish in the classroom everyday with the children. Primary 5, 6 and 7 will begin to learn French in class too.



5. To continue our celebration of the Centenary of Catholic Education in Scotland we will have assemblies and class learning to share our knowledge and understanding.



6. Working closely with our Cluster schools means that children benefit from better experiences. This year our Cluster will work closely to promote employability skills in our young people through a Cluster Primaries Career Fayre.



There are other ideas that we continue to develop but these are our priorities for this session.

We know our parents/carers are keen to be involved in their children's learning and are also looking for tips and advice on how to support learning at home. We will build this in to the school year as much as we can. You can keep up-to-date by reading our monthly Newsletters and following us on Twitter. Please get in touch if you have any comments or suggestions.