

BISHOP EDEN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

2009/2010



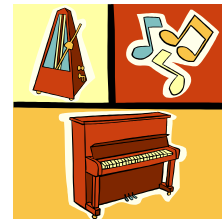
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School Staff



Mrs E H Mackay	Head Teacher	Middle Stages
Mrs D MacDonald	Teacher	Lower Stages
Mrs J Röer	Teacher	Upper Stages
Mr H Aitchison	Teacher	Learning Support
Mrs J Spence	Teacher	Management Cover
Mrs B Campbell	Teacher	PE Teacher
Mr A McAffer	Teacher	Chanter Instructor
Mrs S Wiseman	Teacher	Music Teacher



Mrs D Martin	Secretary/Playground Supervisor
Mrs E Gribben	Learning Support Auxiliary
Miss S Leggatt	Learning Support Auxiliary/Classroom Asst.
Mrs A MacDougall	Learning Support Auxiliary
Mrs D MacKenzie	Learning Support Auxiliary
Mr P McDaid	Janitor
Mr J Gray	Janitor
Mrs M MacRae	Catering Assistant
Mrs M Anthony	Cleaning Assistant



School Day

Primary 1/2	9am	-	12noon
	1.15pm	-	3pm
Primary 3-7	9am	-	12.30pm
	1.15pm	-	3pm
Morning interval	10.40am	-	10.55am



School Uniform

We encourage our pupils to wear school uniform as it helps to foster a sense of pride in being part of Bishop Eden's Primary School. Our uniform can be bought from the National Schoolwear Centre on Academy Street, Inverness.

For health and safety reasons children must wear a PE kit or they will not be allowed on apparatus. Their PE kit is t-shirt, shorts and gym shoes or trainers. We would ask that their kit is brought into school at the start of each term.



School Meals

School lunches are served in the dining room in three sittings - P1/2, P3/4 and P5/6/7. Packed lunch may be brought to school and eaten in the dining room. Parents are reminded of Highland Council Guidelines advising against glass bottles, tin cans and hot liquids being taken to school.

At present a school lunch costs £1.65 a day. Payment should be made on a Monday for the week. Free meals are available to families on some benefits and claim forms can be collected from the school office.

We also provide a snack bar at playtime. For **10p a day** the children are served toast, milk or water and a piece of fruit. This has to be paid each Monday for the forthcoming week.



Absence

If a child is going to be absent from school, for any reason, the school must be informed by 9.30am on that morning. If family holidays have to be arranged outwith normal school holidays, parents/carers must inform the school by letter - these absences are recorded as unauthorised. Absence statistics are recorded weekly and forwarded to the Highland Council and the Scottish Executive.



Transport

The school does not provide transport for children. We encourage children to either walk or cycle to school and the school should be notified of any change in travel arrangements made for your child.

Bicycles, scooters, skateboards etc. **must not** be ridden in the playground.



Emergency

Parents/Carers are required to give emergency telephone contact numbers to the school so that in the event of accident, illness or early school closure, the necessary arrangements can be made. Children should be made aware of these arrangements.



Positive Behaviour

Positive behaviour is encouraged at Bishop Eden's for the development of self-discipline, respect and consideration for others. This is done through discussion and reinforced by encouragement of good behaviour and praise in and around the school. Incidents of indiscipline are dealt with by staff as they arise and appropriate sanctions taken eg. withdrawal of privileges, punishment exercises, behaviour book. If the nature/frequency of behaviour is of a concern, parents will be contacted and the situation discussed in order that the school and home can work together to encourage good behaviour. For further details see the Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy.



Standards and Quality Report October 2008

*Working together to inspire learning and
achievement in Highland Communities*



Bishop Eden's Primary School

This is our first annual report on the standards and quality of provision being made at our school. This report will reflect the success and the hard work which we know is evident by all the school community to make Bishop Eden's Primary School the unique place it is. Since returning in January, I appreciate the vision and direction Annika Jansson accomplished in her stay at Bishop Eden's as Acting Head Teacher.

Throughout the year high expectations in learning and behaviour help in delivering a curriculum that meets the needs of the individual. We will continue to monitor these high expectations and to meet the needs of every individual in the school through our clear improvement priorities.



Over the past year a new library area, the mosaic at the front entrance and the new climbing wall all help to make the school a more pleasant place to be in. The continuing of this process is helped greatly by the willingness of the school community in fund raising. This session it is hoped to complete the resurfacing of the lawn near the chute and have more seating in quiet areas of the playground. The boys' toilets continue to be an issue.



Throughout the session extra curricular events were attended by the pupils, organised by parents or the active sports coordinator. Such activities included cycling proficiency, art club, cheerleading and gymnastics. These are again recognised by the school in providing a wealth of additional experiences to enhance the well being of the pupils.

All pupils are important to the life of the school and this is constantly shown in good work assemblies where attainment and achievement is celebrated by our pupils for success in and out of school. Also all pupils gained certificates in many varied areas at our celebration assembly in June. Throughout the year many of the pupils' achievements featured in the local press as well as the successful publication of a book on epilepsy by one of our parents. Each class has been involved in enterprise activities and caring for the wider community by fund raising for Highland Hospice and collecting tins of food for the Highland Foodbank.

In our vision for the pupils at Bishop Eden's we continue to strive to deliver the best possible learning experiences to the benefit of all pupils in a caring and sharing environment.

E H Mackay
Head Teacher



Progress with our Improvement Plan

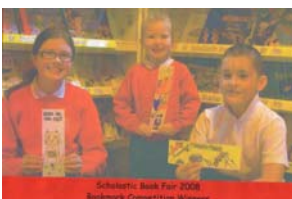
The main focus of our development work throughout the year has been:

- ✓ To develop our approaches to the learning and teaching of reading
- ✓ To fulfil the Highland Promise for the Year of Culture
- ✓ To gain Silver Status as an Eco School
- ✓ Transition across the Area School Group

1 Raising the standards in reading throughout the school

We said we intended:

- ◇ To raise attainment in reading across the school
- ◇ To teach reading using a direct, interactive approach
- ◇ To develop and promote a whole school cross curricular approach to the teaching of reading through the use of collaborative learning strategies
- ◇ To promote pupils' success through training in self and peer evaluation
- ◇ To provide training and support for staff to enable them to confidently teach reading using a wide variety of strategies and resources
- ◇ To promote parental involvement in encouraging their children to engage with texts at home



Here is the difference we made:

- ◇ Attainment in reading has risen
- ◇ All classes are now using direct interactive approach in reading with collaborative learning strategies used across the curriculum
- ◇ Pupils are using self and peer evaluation more confidently. More practise is needed with this

- ◇ Training in the Highland Literacy Project has been provided for most staff. This will be completed this session
- ◇ Parent forums have been held during the year. Feedback and parent involvement still ongoing



2 The Highland Promise 2007

The Promise created by the pupils themselves said that the pupils of Bishop Eden's will gain more knowledge about language, science and will participate in new sports and different art forms. The pupils will learn more about the environment and their heritage. The pupils will find it an exciting and fun year.

- ◇ Some of these activities included visits to the school from Eden Court, The Jacobite Experience, Celed Rocks and Aigas Centre.
- ◇ Pupils participated in the Celtic games, Capoeira and trampolining
- ◇ There were visits to Craig Phadrig Archaeological site, Abriachan Forest Trust, Culloden Battlefield and a St Andrew's Day visit to the Cathedral
- ◇ The school also took part in the Presence Art Experience at the Cathedral organised by artist Karen Rann. All pupils were involved in the making of the mosaic



Here is the difference we made:

From these activities the pupils widened their learning horizons to develop the four capacities of the Curriculum for Excellence. This was evidenced by the pupils' descriptive writing of events and pictures of the children having fun from their enhanced learning experiences

3 The improvement of the grounds and Eco-School Silver Status achieved

We said we intended:

- ◇ To gain Eco-School Silver Status
- ◇ To raise awareness of environmental issues and improvement within the school
- ◇ To involve the pupils in a range of cross curricular activities

Here is the difference we made:

- ◇ New school policy on litter, new colourful bins for the playground, pupils aware that litter prevention improves the quality of the school environment
- ◇ New climbing wall to enhance health and well being of the pupils
- ◇ Pupils use their grounds as a place to play, learn and make important connections with the natural world as shown in vegetables and flowers grown, the wormery set up and functioning and the use of playground for cycling proficiency.
- ◇ Eco-School Silver Status gained June 2008



4 Transition across the Area School Group

We said we intended to:

Reflect on the current experiences of pupils from primary sector to secondary sector in relation to French as a foreign language

Here is the difference we made:

In collaboration with the teaching staff from Inverness High School the associated schools have been involved in looking at the French programme taught in primary schools. After several meetings with all stakeholders the syllabus has been amended accordingly to enable a smoother transfer for primary seven pupils to Inverness High School.

Improvements for 2008/09

Development projects from the Improvement Plan:

1 Developing Curriculum for Excellence through health promoting status and being an Eco-School with Green Flag Status:

Learners will:

- ◇ develop understanding of their values, beliefs and cultures
- ◇ increase the understanding of the economic, social and environmental forces that shape their lives
- ◇ develop skills, attitudes and values that enable people to work together to bring about change and take control of their own lives
- ◇ contribute to the development of a more just and more sustainable world, in which power and resources are more equitably shared
- ◇ have an improved healthy lifestyle



2 Develop core reading, reading for information, reading for enjoyment and writers craft

Learners will:

- ◇ develop appropriately high levels of skills in listening, talking, reading and writing by working together on reading activities
- ◇ receive and give more feedback (teacher, self and peer evaluation) which informs learning
- ◇ exercise more choice, responsibility and independence in learning activities
- ◇ respond with confidence to a wide range of attractive, high quality texts which enhance their enjoyment and understanding
- ◇ develop competence in English language across the curriculum so they can understand and communicate
- ◇ be better supported by staff through effective direct interactive teaching
- ◇ improve their reading attainment

Also this development will

- ◇ promote parental involvement in encouraging their children to engage with texts at home

3 Working with Area Schools' Group to inspire Health and Well Being through promotion of a healthy lifestyle, particularly in personal Fitness, with a focus group from P6-S2

Learners will:

- ◇ participate in enjoyable physical experiences motivating them to practise and improve their skills and to develop control
- ◇ develop exciting, new challenges and the opportunity to work with different kinds of equipment to enable them to acquire new skills, to use learned skills creatively and to develop their technique further
- ◇ participate in a variety of small and large group activities, experiencing enjoyment, challenge and degrees of success and with support implement ways to improve
- ◇ demonstrate tactics and strategies to achieve identified goals while participating in small group co-operatives and competitive experiences
- ◇ analyse and discuss elements of their own and others' work, celebrating success and achievement, recognising strengths and identifying areas where improvements can be made



- ◇ P1/2 came second equal at the Inverness Music Festival for their action song



- ◇ Charlotte Hannah, Katie Roddam, Flora Keiller and Ross Strachan all completed the Scottish Maths Challenge. Flora gained a silver award for the challenge.

Successes and Achievements

Attainment in National Assessment

This year we have been working on developing new approaches to the learning and teaching of reading. The area outside the infant classroom has been refurbished as a library and the acquiring of new books has started to broaden the reading choice for our pupils. More books are still needed. All classes have worked hard in implementing these new approaches. As a result of our work reading attainment has risen over the past year. The trend for attainment in reading, writing and mathematics has improved over the last three years with more pupils exceeding appropriate levels at almost all stages of the school in all three subjects.

School successes this year:

- ◇ All pupils were presented with certificates for various achievements at the Celebration Assembly in June

Some other achievements throughout the year were:

- ◇ Anna Barclay and Meghan McMahon entered a Christmas card competition. Their designs were chosen to be part of Volunteering Scotland's Christmas card pack



- ◇ Our athletics team of Dylan Black, Charlotte Hannah, Ross Strachan and Laura MacPherson were runners up in their section of the Inverness Athletics Championships. All gained medals in their various events. They proudly wore their new tracksuits and strips which had been recently donated to the school by Mr and Mrs Young



Aims

At Bishop Eden's primary School we aim to:

- ✓ Create a welcoming, caring and secure environment
- ✓ Develop close partnership between home and school

- ✓ Continue to enjoy the longstanding, valued affiliation with the Episcopal Church and support it gives
- ✓ Promote an ethos of achievement, helping pupils to develop their strengths as successful learners celebrating personal and school success
- ✓ To foster in pupils a feeling of responsibility as effective contributors to the school community and environment
- ✓ To implement ACE guidelines as they are finalised, which will be basis for a broad, balanced, relevant curriculum challenging all pupils to reach their full potential
- ✓ Monitor and maximise attainment regularly reviewing pupil's progress and learning and ensuring opportunities for further staff development
- ✓ Endorse equal opportunities and inclusion for all through encouragement and independence
- ✓ Be a Health Promoting School helping pupils to become confident individuals

Reviewed in consultation with pupils, parents and staff in March 2008.

The aims will be reviewed again in June 2009.



The first AGM of the Parents Forum was held in September 2007 and nine parents volunteered to join the Parent Council along with the Church and staff representatives and two co-opted members. Meetings were held each term and were well supported by the members and the local Councillors.

During the year, the Parent Council was involved in the following areas:

- A Fancy Dress party for the children in October which helped pay for the School's Christmas activities.
- Helping supervise the School Parents Nights
- Manning the Scholastic Book Fair
- Running coffee and chat afternoons monthly for parents
- Discussing the School's development of the Early Literacy Project and Library area
- Following the discussions relating to the future use of the Northern Meeting Park and keeping parents informed
- Organising sponsorship to purchase tracksuits for School representatives
- Attending Highland Council Parents as Partners Conference

The Council has spent much of its first year getting organised and deciding on its priorities. They have already started planning fundraising and social activities for 2008/09.

Ann Urquhart
Parent Council Chairperson



Parent Council Report

What the School Community Think

Doing Well

The Ethos is Good

The Parental Involvement in the School

The Children Feel Safe

The Healthy Eating in the School

The Enjoyment of the Playground

All are Learners

All are Valued as Individuals

The Celebration of Achievements

Improvements Needed

More Supervision in the Playground

More Work Needed with Litter

The Boys' Toilets

Improving Approachability for Parents towards Staff

Creating More Opportunities for Aesthetic Development of the Children

Life at Bishop Eden's School

Reflecting our vision and values that all are learners in a caring sharing environment

