

Improvement priorities 2022-23

We have used the data gathered plus the voice of our pupils and staff to develop our School Improvement Priorities for this session. There are whole school priorities and specific priorities for the school and Early Years.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRIORITIES

- Improving attainment in reading and writing through moderation and data to inform interventions.
- Working collaboratively with NAC STEM team to create a progression of engineering skills to improve destinations for all learners from Early Years to P7.

SCHOOL PRIORITIES

- Developing a play pedagogy in Primary 1 and beyond to support all our learners and to limit the attainment gap at Early Level.
- Work with whole school community to develop pupil voice.
- To refresh whole school approach to building on positive relationships to strengthen our safe, secure, inclusive and nurturing environment and ethos.

EARLY YEARS PRIORITIES

- To develop the outdoor learning environment to support our learners to apply a range of skills: literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.
- Raise attainment in literacy and numeracy through use of milestone data.
- To develop parental engagement in the life of the Early Years to improve learner's progress.

ANNICK PRIMARY SCHOOL & EARLY YEARS CLASS

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Vision Values and Aims

As part of last sessions School Improvement Plan we worked with pupils, staff and parents to update our **Vision**, **Values and Aims**. Assemblies were used to gather pupil voice and to co-create the aims for the school. We will continue to work throughout the session to embed these.

Our School

Annick Primary School is a non-denominational school which offers education to 429 children across P1 to 7. We also have an Early Years Class which provides places for a maximum of 85 children, aged 2 - 5 years. Early Years children are offered a range of patterns with the Early Years open from 8am-6pm, 48 weeks a year. The school enjoys an excellent reputation in the community, has an active and supportive Parent Council and is well regarded amongst parents. The Senior Leadership Team consists of a Head Teacher, two Depute Head Teachers, an Early Years Manager, two Principal Teachers, a Senior Early Years Practitioner and a part time Excellence and Equity Lead Practitioner. There are 16 class teachers and eight classroom assistants. We also have access to the Family Learning Team, music instructors and an educational psychologist. The wider team comprises of a janitor, catering and cleaning staff. Together, we provide a supportive, nurturing environment which encourages our motto of Learning, Caring and Sharing.



Successes and achievements from the 2021-22 session

This session has been the busiest for a couple of years, but all of the young people of Annick have worked hard, been responsible, confident in their learning and have always shown initiative and respect to others. Visitors to our school, members of the local community and wider public comment on how polite we are and what a positive ethos there is here in Annick Primary School.

- In partnership with Sarah Nicoll from the family learning team we have been able to offer a range of supports to our families, Read, Write Count activities with our P2 and P3, stay in touch days during the holidays for our new P1.
- We welcomed 67 new P1 children and their parents/carers as part of our transition programme.

- Our P7 Quiz team won the Seagate Rotary Quiz.
- Our Primary 7 children worked hard as buddies for our P1 learners and our P6 children acted as playground buddies to our P2 and P3 learners.
- Our House Captains applied for funding to restore our Sensory Garden which was completed ready for replanting in the new session.
- School Improvement Plan focus on outdoor learning supported by a grant from NAC STEM team to support biodiversity in the school grounds. All children learnt about COP26. P7 children built bird boxes, developing wood working skills. P6 worked with P1 and pre-school learners to build bug hotels as part of the transition process.
- The Early Years have been part of both the NAC Outdoor Learning pilot and took part in a CYPIC study looking to increase the amount of time children spend outside.
- All Primary 2 pupils benefited from the skills of Mrs McLean-Buechel, our specialist music instructor, enjoying Kodaly approach to music. We welcomed Mr Rankin and Mr Boax for instrumental tuition.
- Although unable to go to Arran our Primary 7s enjoyed a week of outdoor activities including Eglinton Park and Whitelees wind farm. They put their hoodies, bought for them by the Parent Council, to good use.
- Children enjoyed Christmas parties and a visit from Santa. All children had the opportunity to attend a school trip for the first time in two years.
- After-school clubs restarted in Term 4 providing a range of activities for learners across the school. The P1 art club was led by two senior pupils. Children from Primary 6 had the opportunity to gain their iCylce award.
- Annick PS football team played in one tournament across two different rounds, achieving 1st place. This meant they were then invited to participate in the Ayrshire Champions' Tournament.
- P7s went to Irvine Sports Club for a multisport activity day. The P4s also went to Irvine Sports Club, and some of our athletic Primary 7s went to North Ayrshire Athletics Club to take part in a multi school event.
- Achieved the Silver Rights Respecting School Award.
- Staff worked closely with the Speech and Language Therapy team, trialing a new approach. Due to the success of this we will continue into this session.

- A very successful sports day allowed us to welcome our school community back to school.
- The school celebrated the Queen's Jubilee in June and received a card from the Queen's Lady in Waiting thanking our P5 pupils for their kind wishes.
- Successfully implemented 1140 hours in the Early Years.
- A successful bid for a poly tunnel to develop a garden.



Attainment

An important priority this year looked at the information we gather to assess children's learning. To monitor their progress we observe children working on tasks, listen to what they say, ask lots of questions, set challenges and use some standardised assessments.

North Ayrshire Council also ask us to summarise our children's progress in Listening and Talking, Reading, Writing and Numeracy and Maths. They ask us to look particularly at children who have reached the end of Early, First and Second Level at P1, P4 and P7.

LIS	LISTENING & TALKING		READING	WRITING	NUM.
P1 Achieved Early Level		95%	95%	95%	95%
P4 Achieved First Level		91%	89%	86%	93%
P7 Achieved Second Level		91%	91%	78%	87%

Early Years achieved improvements on the previous year.

Achieved Health and Wellbeing milestones 92%

Achieved reading, writing
listening and talking milestones 84%

Achieved numeracy milestones 84%

North Ayrshire Council also ask us to publish our selfevaluation for the following key Quality Indicators.

Leadership of Change Good
Learning, Teaching and Assessment Good
Raising Attainment and Achievement Good
Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion Good

Attendance last session remained above 93% and there were no exclusions.

The school's capacity for improvement to raise attainments, close the attainment gap and improve health and wellbeing is very good.

