 Attainment

Throughout the year we gather lots of information on how our children are progressing in their learning. To monitor their progress we watch children working through tasks, listen to what they say, ask important questions, set challenges and use some standardised assessments. Teachers get together and look carefully at the experiences and outcomes of Curriculum for Excellence to ensure children are making progress.

North Ayrshire council also ask us to summarise our children’s progress in Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking and Science. They ask us to look particularly at children who have reached the end of Early, First and Second Levels at P1, P4 and P7. Key highlights of this year’s analysis are:

In Primary 1, some children have achieved appropriate levels in Reading, Writing and numeracy

In Primary 4 we had a rise of 9% of children achieving the appropriate level in reading, a rise of 16% in writing and a rise of 6% in numeracy

In Primary 7 we improved by almost 11% in writing. Over 76% of our P7s achieved the appropriate levels in reading, over 85% in Talking & Listening

Our rigorous analysis of our attainment data for Session 2018-19 means we are very aware of where we need to improve and we are fully committed to improving attainment for all in all areas of the curriculum.

Pennyburn

Primary School



Standards

And

Quality Report

September 2019

This leaflet has been prepared to give you information about our school’s progress and achievements as well as our plans for 2019-20



**Jacqueline Maclaren**

**Head Teacher**

Our Achievements



We are very proud of our achievements in session 2018-19. Just a few of our achievements and successes include:

* Our P6/7 Football team took part in the Kilwinning Champions League demonstrating teamwork, dedication and sportsmanship.
* Our P6/7 girls and boys played in the cluster League at netball. This was organised by some of our ex pupils; thank you girls
* Our Pupil Council organized a number of successful collections for Pink Day, Red Nose Day NA Foodbank, and Cash for Kids.
* Our school Burns Competition winners went on to take part in the Kilwinning Burns Club school contest.
* Our Athletics team attended the North Ayrshire Schools’ Competition
* Baillie Donald was elected by her peers to represent the school as our Segdoune Princess.
* We were awarded our Rights Respecting School Bronze Award
* We were awarded our Sport Scotland Bronze Award
* We obtained our Green Flag Award
* Our school Choir was busy once again last year
* Our P6s took part in the Euro Quiz at Greenwood Conference Centre
* P7s took part in the Rotary Quiz

Our School

Pennyburn Primary School is a non-denominational school with a roll of 180 pupils in 8 classes. The school is situated in the Pennyburn area of Kilwinning and opened in 1971. The current staff structure consists of the Head Teacher, Ms Jacqueline Maclaren, 1 DHT Mrs Heron and 1 Principal Teacher, Mrs Kerr We have 7 Class Teachers, 3 Classroom Assistants who work a variety of hours throughout the week and 0.6 Pupil Support Service Teacher. This year we also employed 2 EYPs through PEF to support learning and we used PEF money to support Nurture and Reading Recovery within the school. The school is supported by 1.4 Clerical Assistants. Working in partnership, within a caring and stimulating environment, we aim to provide quality learning experiences which will encourage positive attitudes, enabling pupils to achieve their potential as valued members of the community.



Community Partners

We work closely with our local pharmacy to support parents who are anxious about some minor health issues. This year they also gave input to our P7s on drugs. They also participate in our World of Work events. This year P6s engaged in an enterprize topic with Vanilla Joes which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The P6s have chosen to buy a new carpet for our school library with the remaining money going towards their end of year trip. We work closely with our two local community centres. We use them to hold parties, fun events and education events. Kilwinning Sports Club continue to be a huge support facilitating Champions League Football for P6-P7 and of course working in partnership to organise our annual Sports Day.

Looking Back

Session 2018-19

Last year we worked hard to improve our work in the following areas:

* There is now a Curriculum Rationale in place within the school. This explains why we teach the way we do in Pennyburn. We have also reviewed our Science Programme and there is now a Progression Pathway in Place.
* The staff have undertaken the task of matching our Literacy Progression Pathway with the Benchmarks ensuring that all our children are working towards the appropriate levels. All teaching staff have been trained in reading strategies ensuring that there is consistency across the school. The children’s confidence is growing and they enjoy learning new strategies from each other. We have bought new reading books to help motivate and promote an enjoyment of reading.
* Teachers are now more skilled at interpreting data and assessments and pinpointing the gaps in children’s learning.
* We have reviewed our stage intervention processes and the relevant paperwork. This will be fully implemented in session 2019 / 20

Our School

Improvement Plan

The School Improvement Plan is a document which sets out the activities we will be undertaking as a school over the coming session.

When writing this document we take into account a number of factors:

* National Priorities and directives as set out by the Scottish Government.
* Local Priorities and directives as set out by North Ayrshire Council.
* Our self-evaluation procedures and development needs of our own school.

Development Priorities

Session 2018-19

* We are looking at all aspects of literacy this year with the goal of improving standards in reading, writing and Talking & Listening across the school

These documents are continually reviewed and evaluated by school staff and the Senior Management Team. We focus on evidence based evaluations from all stakeholders and use these to inform our next steps. At Authority Level we are supported by the Head of Schools and our Senior Manager.

Mrs Heron is working with a group of children (Improvers Group) using How Good Is OUR School to engage our pupils in improving our school

Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world Nelson Mandella