

Standards & Quality Report 2022-23

and

School Improvement Plan 2023-24





Introduction

Shetland Islands Council is committed to delivering the best possible outcomes for children and young people so that they have the best start in life and are ready to succeed by following the principles of Curriculum for Excellence, Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC), and Developing the Young Workforce.

We want to know how well we are doing this and how we can improve. We are continuously evaluating what we do and how it makes a difference to our learners. We have been asking ourselves – staff, pupils, parents/carers, and other partners – the questions contained in this Standards and Quality Report. Our self-evaluation – involving staff, pupils, parents/carers, and other partners – is in the pages that follow, along with our main improvement priorities for session 2019-20. This report is based on the quality indicators in *How Good is Our School*? 4th Edition (2015) and *How Good is our Early Learning and Childcare*? (2016) and on the priorities and drivers of the National Improvement Framework.

The current National Improvement Priorities are:

- Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education
- > Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing
- Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people
- Improvement in skills and sustained, positive school-leaver destinations for all young people
- > Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy.

The National Improvement Drivers are:



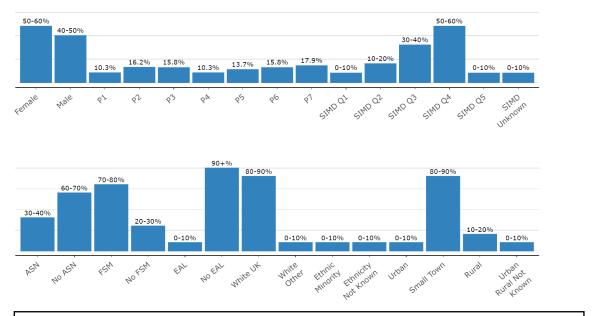




Contextual analysis of the school

Bell's Brae Primary School, a non-denomination school, is the largest primary school in Shetland and is situated in the centre of Lerwick. The school's catchment area includes much of the town itself and stretches as far north as Frakkafield.

The school roll has remained relatively steady for a number of years. Its current roll is 352. This includes 48 children in the Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) setting - not all children are in the setting every day. Placing requests account for 21% of pupils. The chart below, collated in September 2022, provides information about our pupil population:



This chart shows the areas where children and young people in the school/area live (SIMD 1 = most deprived areas, SIMD 5 = least deprived areas). This information is based on their postcode.

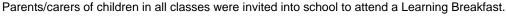
There are 14 classes in the Primary Department and a further class in the ELC setting. There is also an Additional Support Needs (ASN) Department, catering for pupils with a wide range of additional support needs in the school.

Staffing in the ELC Department has increased as we have implemented the expanded delivery of 1140 hours, this includes an Early Years teacher, a Senior ELC Practitioner and a team of Practitioners and Support Workers.

A big challenge during session 2022-23 has continued to be the level of staff and pupil absences.

Good links have been developed over the years between Bell's Brae Primary School and the other schools in the Anderson High School cluster. Effective links have also been established with local ELC settings and with the Home Visiting Education Service.

Bell's Brae encourages parents/carers to be involved in the education of their children and has an "open door" policy. Parents/carers received written reports about their child's progress in Dec 2022 and May 2023 and face to face parent/teacher appointments were re-introduced in February 2022.

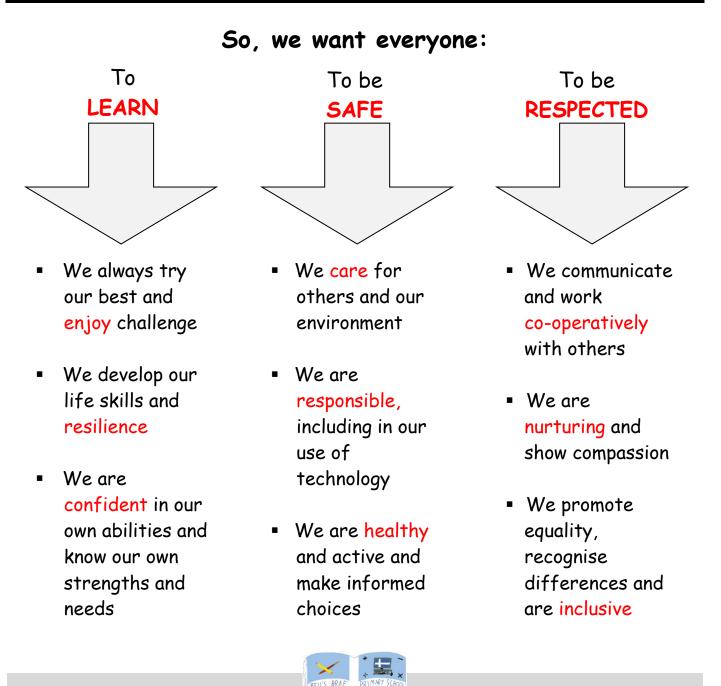






Our Vision

"Bell's Brae is a community where everyone achieves and gains happy memories."





Collaboration and consultation with our stakeholders in session 2022/23

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Who?	When	How?	What did we find out?
	?		(bullet points on key themes)
Staff	March 23	Microsoft form questionnaire	 Staff were asked to identify their top four priorities. Their top four were – attainment in literacy, attainment in numeracy, digital skills and STEM
		Questionnaire re. daily writing	 Digital Skills Improving attainment in literacy Improving attainment in numer Improving attainment in numer Improving attainment in numer Improving attainment in numer Skills for learning Play based learning Mental and emotional health Learning spaces Pupil voice STEM (Science, Technology, Engl 6
	April 23 Termly	Staff meetings Tracking and monitoring mtgs	 Targeted interventions are impacting on pupil progress and achievement Teaching staff commented on the impact of the work of the ESO and the need for emotional support for children to continue to be offered 60% of teachers felt daily writing had improved attainment in writing, 40% voted 'maybe'. Professional dialogue is valued 64% of teaching staff wanted more guidance on how to make their classroom dyslexia friendly.
Childre	April	Microsoft form	Digital skills 60
n	23	– P4-7	Improving attainment in literacy 8 90 Improving attainment in numer 7 80 Skills for learning, life and work 38 70 Outdoor learning 94 60 Play based learning 68 40 Mental and Emotional Health 27 30 Learning spaces 39 20
	ongoin g	Leadership groups and activities Young Leaders Group	 Pupil Voice 39 STEM (Science, Technology, Engl 73 Pupils in P4-7 were asked to identify their top four priorities. Their top four were – outdoor learning, STEM, digital skills and mental and play based learning Almost all could identify strategies to use to help with mental health. 88% of children enjoy their project work 95% of children think Feel Good Fridays are good for their wellbeing
Parent and Carers	Termly April 23	Parent Council meetings Microsoft forms	 Bell's Brae Parent Council are supportive Parents are supportive of the school Large number of comments received regarding our nurturing approach Digital skills Improving stainment in iteracy Improving stainment in iteracy Pay Based Learning Mental and Emotional Health Stem (Science, Technology, Engl., 16 Parents were asked to identify their top four priorities. Their top four were – Mental and Emotional Health, Skills for learning, Outdoor learning and attainment in numeracy Parents are very supportive of the Breakfast Club and feel it should continue to be funded by PEF
Comm unity and other stakeh olders	Ongoi ng	Partners Questionnaire after visits Survey – April 23	 Partners comment that our learners consistently demonstrate the school values Some comments received about the children's engagement, participation and behaviour: Yes, All the pupils were engaged and attentive during the session. Pupils were given the opportunity to contribute answers and were polite throughout. All of the above, the kids were really switched on and ready to learn. It was delightful to hear the passion of everyone in the class, and I/we very much look forward to hosting all of you at SaxaVord one day after we start launching rockets. Thanks again for the invite! 100% of partners feel there are effective arrangements in place for jointly planning and delivering provision with the school 100% of partners are happy with the arrangements for evaluating our joint work.



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Progress made with the Priorities from our 2022-23 School Improvement Plan

Priority 1: Improve attainment in literacy

What were our	What did we do?	What was the impact on learners?	What are the next
outcomes?	 Teaching staff co-operatively planned a high quality assessment on writing 	Very Good Progress has been made in this area.	steps and how do you plan to evidence the
By June 2023 a minimum of 78% of	Reviewed current literacy policy	77% of learners in P1-7 are now on track.	impact of further actions required?
learners in P1-7 are on track in writing	Identify change ideas of daily writing and	69% of children in P4-7 stated that they have enjoyed daily writing.	
(currently 73 %)	 Protected time for staff to work together to	78% of children in P4-7 stated that daily writing had improved their writing	Next steps for this priority are on our SIP 23-24:
	moderate, observe, plan collaboratively	Examples of how it had improved their writing included:	- <u>See action plan</u>
	 Provided guidance to staff to support them in ensuring all classrooms are dyslexic 	"I got my capital letters and full stops in the right place and I put in connectives."	
	friendly	"1 year ago I would not have been using conjunctions properly."	
	 Implemented the CYPIC writing programme in P4 and P5. 	<i>"It has improved my writing because I'm a lot better at using conjunctions and openers and I've been writing a lot more."</i>	
		Some P4 and P5 pupils involved in the CYPIC programme stated:	
		<i>"It makes me feel good when I got all my targets"</i> <i>"It helped me write more because we have to try reach a target and it makes you want to reach it so you write more."</i> <i>"It has helped me a lot and I like focusing on one subject because it makes it easy"</i>	





Priority 2: Improve Mental and Emotional Health by empowering learners and increasing awareness of strategies to improve mental health

What were our	What did we do?	What was the impact on learners?	What are the next
outcomes?		Good progress has been made in this area	steps and how do
By June 2023, 80% of learners	 Staff embed 'Zones of Regulation' and created visual areas in classrooms 	97% of P4-7 learners stated that they had been learning about the Zones of Regulation.	you plan to evidence the impact of further
in P4-7 can state ways in which they can improve their mental	 Delivered explicit lessons from 'Mental 	91% of learners could state strategies they use to improve their mental health.	actions required?
health (35% at March 2022)	Health Pathway'	95% of learners stated that they think Feel Good Fridays are good for their wellbeing.	
By June 2023, 100% of parents/carers have been given the opportunity to engage in a well-being activity with their shild	 Revamped Friday afternoons to focus on wellbeing activities – Feel Good Fridays 	Some examples given were: "I think that having the outside or inside option is more enjoyable than the options in classrooms. I love getting fresh air without having to play any games to be outside.	Continue to provide more leadership opportunities for children across the school.
wellbeing activity with their child, with an uptake of 75%	 All families received an invite into the school to attend a Learning Breakfast 	Though sometimes being inside and having some calm time really makes me feel happy and calm".	Ensure all children are aware of the skills they
By June 2022 100% learners in		"Having that 30 minutes with my friends at the end of a long week makes me feel so joyful knowing that next week i will know more than i did this week."	are developing through these opportunities.
P6 and P7 have taken part in pupil voice groups which support opportunity for positive change within the school	 Identified leadership opportunities for learners in P6 and P7 and implemented. 	100% of parents/carers were invited to a Learning Breakfast. 85% of family members from P1-7 attended.	Review what Leadership Groups can be established to take
community.	 Young Leaders Group established with pupils from ELC-P7. Regular meetings 	100% of children in P6 and P7 been provided with an opportunity to develop their leadership skills. Through this they have made changes to things in the school – tuckshop, running Children in Need day, coronation event, buddying in playground,	forward school improvements.
By June 2022 90% learners in P6 and P7 can talk about their leadership skills and how they	held and children influencing changes across the school.	participatory budgeting, paired reading, toothbrushing support.	Use How Good is OUR school with children to
have applied these in learning		91% can talk about their leadership opportunities.	evaluate aspects of the school. See action plan





What were our outcomes? 100% of teaching staff have Improved their confidence and competence in delivering interdisciplinary learning by June 2023 By June 2023 100% of learners have had the opportunity to express their views and wishes to influence their interdisciplinary learning	 What did we do? Increased staff knowledge of interdisciplinary learning. Teaching staff attended training on IDL and had the opportunity to discuss what it is and how we are delivering it in BB Working group reviewed existing approach and made changes to planning in this area and what staff are delivering with regard to IDL New planning and approach trialled by staff and feedback sought. Amendments made following feedback. 	 What was the impact on learners? Good progress has been made in some aspects of this action plan but some developments are being carried forward. Almost all teaching staff have improved their confidence in this area however, 28% of teaching staff feel this is still an area they would like support with. 88% of children in P4-7 stated that they enjoy their project work. Although staff in all classes have given the children choice only 82% of children were able to give examples of this. 	What are the next steps and how do you plan to evidence the impact of further actions required? Further work on IDL and how this is delivered in school. Review approach in classes, provide staff with time to plan and resource an encourage more opportunities for pupi voice, STEM and outdoor learning. See action plan
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What were our	What did we do?	What was the impact on learners?	What are the next steps and
outcomes?		Very good progress has been made in some	how do you plan to evidence
	• All staff undertook professional reading on Continuous	aspects of this action plan but some	the impact of further actions
By June 2023 100% of ELC staff	Provision and developed a shared understanding of high quality continuous provision in Bell's Brae. A visual was produced.	developments are being carried forward.	required?
will have increased knowledge	visual was produced.	100% of ELC staff stated that their knowledge of the	See action plan
of the skills developed in each 'zone' resulting in improved experiences for each learner.	 All staff undertook visits to other settings to see good practice and how the environment was set up in other 	skills being developed has improved.	
	settings.	During the recent Education Scotland inspection the	
	 Developed a shared understanding of what the benefits of each zone are – skill development, key vocabulary, questioning, etc to develop literacy, numeracy and HWB. Zones visuals created. Provided opportunities for parents/carers to gain an understanding of the continuous provision being 	 following information was fed back to staff: The environment is attractive and well considered 	
By June 2023 100% of learners will have developed their collaboration skills through continuous provision		 Children are very engaged and staff are picking up any children who lose engagement and redirecting them There are nurturing relationships 	
	offered in Bell's Brae ELC – termly visits to the setting and produced a continuous provision leaflet for parents.	 Staff think about and reflect on the environment Good progress is being made by children 	
	 Protected time for staff to meet regularly to reflect, plan and improve 		



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Project/intervention: What was your gap:						
Interventions for Equity	Interventions for	Equity	Self-evaluation National Imp	rovement Hub (education.gov	v.scot)	
(highlight the interventions that	apply)					
Early intervention and prevention	Social and Emotional V	Vellbeing	Promoting healthy lifestyles	Targeted approaches to literacy and numeracy	Promoting a high quality learning experience	Differentiated support
Use of Evidence and Data	Employability and Skills Development	6	Engaging beyond the school	Partnership working	Professional learning and leadership	Research and evaluation to monitor impact
Planned Outcome			Measures of impact on le	earners		
 a) Throughout school session 22/23 75% of identified learners are accessing the breakfast club on a regular basis. b) By June 2023 100% of identified learners are regulated enough to increase their baseline Leuven Scale of Active Engagement and Learning by 1 or 2 points 			 Our breakfast club is attended on average by 50 pupils each day. Feedback from parents, staff and pupils is that this provides nurture, nutrition and social interaction for learners and is highly valued. 80% of identified learners access the breakfast club on a regular basis. 100% of identified learners have had access to a staffed nurturing space or support from our Emotional Support Officer Feedback from parents/carers "Great use of funds to support children to start the day on a full belly, which we know enhances learning. Like the idea of the iPads and allows children to access digital skills that might to be able to in home environment" 			
Teaching and Learning			"My kids love coming to the breakfast club & they enjoy the soft start it gives them to their day, as well as being able to share breakfast with their wider community."			
Leadership			"Helping make sure all children can have Breakfast is wonderful"			
Family and Community x		X	 100% of learners, who received targeted support, have made progress with literacy or numeracy 			







School self-evaluation, 2022-23, and priorities for further improvement

For each of the Quality Indicators listed below, answer the questions and include an overall evaluation using the six-point scale from "How good is our school?" (4th Edition). The self-evaluation grade should be for the whole Quality Indicator, not for individual themes within it. The questions are those used in self-evaluation forms before Education Scotland inspections.

Please refer to relevant qualitative and quantitative data when considering relevant evidence to support your statements

Qualitative Data	Quantitative Data
Classroom observations, learning visits, learning walks, etc. Focus group discussions Feedback from online and face-to-face meetings Conversations in staffrooms Verbal feedback from learners and	CfE Attainment Attendance, absence and late-coming Measures of learner engagement, participation, inclusion and health and wellbeing Tracking and Monitoring Planning documentation
parents and carers Survey written responses	Curriculum rationale Questionnaires and surveys with stakeholders and minutes of meetings with them Bullying and exclusion statistics Child Protection referrals Free School Meals data PRDs Professional learning records Child's Plans, CSPs and IEPs School Improvement Education Scotland inspection report

Education Scotland's evaluative statements can support your analysis of the key QIs:

All 100%; Almost All 91%-99%; Most 75%-90%; Majority 50%-74%; Minority/less than half 15%-49%; A few less than 15%



School self-evaluation and priorities for further improvement

Quality Indicators from How Good is our School?	How well are you doing?	How do you know?	What are you going to do now?	How would
How Good is our School?	What's working well for your Learners?	What quantitative and qualitative evidence do you have of a positive impact on learners?	What are your improvement priorities in this area?	you evaluate this QI using the HGIOS? six-point scale?
 1.3 Leadership of Change Developing a shared vision, values and aims relevant to the setting and its community Strategic planning for continuous improvement Implementing improvement and change 	 There is a shared vision, values and aims which are known by all. Pupils, parents and staff were all involved in reviewing these in 2017 to ensure they are still relevant and pertinent: Reflects the community we serve Children at the centre Incorporates all the wellbeing indicators Links to our Rights Charter Values Characters to assist learners to relate to them The V, V and A are very clear. All staff and children understand them and are working towards fulfilling them. All staff take good account of the social, domestic, economic and cultural context of children and their families. The majority of staff have received input on ACEs and trauma informed practice ensuring that children's needs are met. Teaching staff maintain their GTCS standards and regularly update their professional learning. Staff have opportunities to develop their leadership roles and responsibilities. A large number of staff willingly take on leadership roles – JRSOs, SIP Focus Group, SIP working groups, Pupil Council 	The majority of stakeholder groups are aware of our vision, values and aims and its core messages. The ethos demonstrates the Vision, Values and Aims and it is referred to when talking to pupils. Stakeholder involvement in devising and reviewing VVA. A survey of learners, parents and staff carried out in Feb 2021 confirmed that all our values are still relevant Staff and pupils demonstrate this vision and our rights agreement through their work and behaviour. Feedback from visits and visitors is always positive. Staff have access to pastoral notes and take these in to account when planning for all learners. All staff share information to ensure relevant staff are aware of each child's wellbeing. PRD processes have been completed with GTCS standards as benchmarks. Staff have identified next steps and development needs.	Continue to raise the profile of our V, V and aims with all stakeholders Continue to update our Curriculum Rationale document Make use of the new ASN Quality Standards. Continue to raise awareness of ACEs/trauma informed practice Continue to provide and promote leadership opportunities for all staff. Continue moderation through cluster activities and out with. Embedding use of benchmarks.	4



etc. Through these roles staff present to and train their colleagues during staff development time.	These mainly link to School and National priorities.	
Staff are involved in self-evaluation processes using HGIOS 4 and challenge questions and always consider the impact of improvements on learners.	Professional discussions demonstrates staff's commitment, involvement, leadership and ownership of change –within own classes and as a school.	Further develop pupils' skills in reflective language.
Staff collectively agree priorities for change and both individually and collectively work to implement and develop	Detailed working time agreement in place	
improvement priorities. The collective responsibility improves outcomes for learners.	Dedicated development time, SIP Focus Group and SIP procedures in place.	
Senior Leaders guide the strategic direction and pace of change and create opportunities for all staff to be fully	Local authority positive feedback on SIP and current work	
involved in self-evaluation, agreeing priorities and implementing change.	The impact of previous priorities can be seen in classes e.g. Zones of Regulation, UNCRC, use of ICT	
Leadership of change in recent years has impacted positively on children learning experiences in a number of key areas.	tools to support and improve writing, SHANARRI, growth mindset	
	Pupils are able to talk about their learning.	
Pupils play a role in leading parts of their learning.	Teachers use formative assessment and feedback to adapt learning and plan next steps.	
Pupils are involved in identifying and discussing the school's priorities.	Pupils have helped shape values of the school. Pupils have made great changes to	
School improvement process very well embedded and all staff are involved in the process.	the school through the Pupil Council and Pupil Voice Pupils are involved in identifying success criteria and assessing their learning.	Encourage parents/carers to provide written feedback on targets and progress



Cluster support is very good.	Timetable	Protect time for professional dialogue around the moderation of targets.
	Leadership of developments is shared between schools. Staff have opportunities to share good practice with other staff across the cluster. Some moderation work has been undertaken.	Include language of milestones in training
Staff within the ASN department engage with The Milestones to Support Learners with Complex Additional Support Needs and track the progress of learners.	Evaluations of IEPs are robust and identify next steps. A common language is used by all staff.	
Personal Focussed Risk Assessments are	All staff and parents are aware of	Ensure vision shapes the ELC expansion
in place	any required adaptations and these are implemented to ensure learners are challenged appropriately and in the right environment.	Further training in these areas and to further embed this in the ELC setting
A programme of training on record keeping, assessments, confidentiality and good practice is in place for ASN support staff	Pupil Voice is heard clearly and appropriately.	Involve learners and parents in the plans for the ELC environment Continuous provision in indoor area
Staff know learners very well and are in tune with their needs and emotional wellbeing.	Staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities. There is a standardised approach.	Monitor use of Additional hours.
Within the ELC staff have a good understanding of the school's vision. Four key values have been identified and work has been completed to detail how this looks in action with children and staff.	Practitioners put the vision into practice on a daily basis. Use of the values characters visually reinforce this. Some children can speak about the key characters	



Quality Indicators from How	ELC practitioners have engaged in a range of professional learning opportunities Leadership of all staff in developing continuous provision in the outdoor area Detailed plans are in place for the use of Additional Hours. They tie in with the priorities within the SIP. How well are you doing?	Participation in in-house training Staff considering more carefully their interactions and observations Increased engagement and positive play and learning experiences.	What are you going to do now?	How would
Good is our School?	What's working well for your learners?	What quantitative and qualitative evidence do you have of a positive impact on learners?	What are you going to do now? What are your improvement priorities in this area?	you evaluate this QI using the HGIOS? six-point scale?
QI 2.3 Learning, teaching and assessment (Learning and engagement; Quality of teaching; Effective use of assessment; Planning, tracking and monitoring)	 Children experience a very positive, caring and nurturing ethos at Bell's Brae. The school motto is 'We achieve, we are happy'. Our children's behaviour, conduct and performance clearly reflect the words contained in our motto. Children and staff are proud of their school. Children and staff are proud of their school. Relationships across the whole school community are positive, respectful and reflect the school's values. Our school values are displayed throughout the school and staff and children can speak positively of the way they underpin the school's work. 	 Children are happy and engaged – seen during observations and through discussions with children and through seeking children's views – surveys, My meeting booklets, GIRFEC planning, Pupil Focus Groups, assemblies, Parent survey – 2 stars and a wish Feedback from surveys, Local Authority School Improvement Visit Reports. Staff Professional Reviews and links to our identified SIP priorities Our school values displayed throughout school - pupils and staff know the values and refer to the Values Characters in various situations i.e. in lessons, when walking through the school, playground situations Curriculum Rationale is written with a focus on each value and how it 		Good



 Staff have created a calm, safe and purposeful learning environment and celebrate children's work across the curriculum. Staff are responsive to the needs of individual children and adapt learning environments to suit. 	 underpins all our work. Feedback from children. Observations, Learning Breakfasts feedback from staff, pupils and parents. Feedback from partners. Various rooms with adaptations such as soft furnishing, equipment to support sensory needs
 Most children are polite and respectful to each other, adults and visitors to the school. They engage well with visitors and visitor feedback can highlight how they meet our school values. 	 Zones of regulation approaches – displays and check ins Observations and feedback from a range of different visitors and staff i.e. Active Schools staff, Foodbank staff
 Most children enjoy learning at school. They behave well, are attentive in class and engage purposefully and enthusiastically in a range of learning activities. This includes them working independently, working with their peers and participating in class discussions. Children are confident and capable of taking the lead in sharing their learning with others as demonstrated at our Learner Led Events and Learning Breakfasts. 	 Pupils are increasingly using the language of learning and can articulate what they are learning and in some cases why. Monitoring of learning and teaching Pupil and staff feedback Evaluations of learning Learning Breakfast data Learner Led Event information Pupil Led Assemblies Concerts Community Events – Holocaust Memorial
 The development of a Learning and Teaching Visual supports a shared understanding of what high quality learning and teaching 	Teaching staff fully involved in creation

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	looks like and is developing greater	of visual	
	consistency across the school. Staff engage	Monitoring activities	
1	in professional learning and reading, linked	LA School Improvement Visit reports	
	to this visual, to ensure they maintain high	Staff and children feedback	
	standards. Our monitoring calendar focusses	Visual on display in classrooms	
	on how the visual is being put into action	Continuum of engagement on display	
	and learner feedback on aspects of this is	and referred to in ASN classes.	
	sought and then acted on.	Classroom Organisation and Display	
		policy in place and implemented	
		Jamboard – collating all teaching staff	
		comments regarding high quality	
•	Overall, across the school the quality of	Learning and Teaching.	
	teaching is good and in a number of classes		
	very good. Staff listen well to children and	Monitoring activities	
	respond appropriately to their comments	Feedback from staff, pupils and parents	
	and ideas.		
		Through surveys, Parent meetings and	
		report cards slips parents comment on	
		their child's progress, happiness and	
•	Teachers provide clear and helpful	how satisfied the majority of them are	For all teaching staff to ensure
	explanations and instructions. Teachers	with the learning and teaching in our	consistency in learning and teaching by
	deliver lessons which are well-structured,	school.	fully embedding principles on the L and
	including ensuring that the purpose and the	501001.	T Visual
	outcomes of the lesson are clearly displayed		i visual
	and discussed throughout. In a number of		• Conversion of success criteria hannoning
	classes, children are beginning to co-create	Monitoring activities	Co-creation of success criteria happening
	how they will be successful in their learning		across the school consistently
	effectively.		
•	Most teachers link new learning successfully		
	to prior learning and provide children with		
	clear instructions and explanations to ensure		
	confidence in learning tasks. They check for	• Staff have a clear overview of their	
	understanding and support children who	pupils, strengths and needs. High	
	require additional support. Lessons are	quality learning experiences are	
	differentiated effectively through tasks,	provided in classes.	
	expectation, adult interaction, use of		

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technologies or concrete materials to support children.	Monitoring of teacher plans	
 In most classes teachers make effective use of digital technologies to support children's access to the curriculum and enrich their learning. Staff are beginning to involve children in P4-7 more fully in identifying, tracking and evaluating their learning through digital profiles. Children are proud of these profiles and have begun sharing them with family members. A range of low and high technologies is in use across the school to reduce barriers to learning. Children have opportunities for personalisation and choice in learning, for example, play in 	 Observations Teachers planning Use of Nessy and Clicker 8 ASN/MT minutes Individualised ICT to support learners to access the curriculum e.g. eye gaze, TouchChat Sumdog Digital Profiles Pupil feedback 	 Fully implement a progressive pathway for digital literacy to ensure that children are developing a wide range of skills in this area and linking this to skills for learning, life and work. Use digital technology creatively and review hardware and software with local authority personnel. Further development of Digital Profiles and clear timetable for sharing with family
early years, interdisciplinary learning and some homework tasks • Children in P1 experience daily rich opportunities	 Monitoring Pupil Feedback Teacher's plans – IDL – choice of personal topics i.e Victorian fashion Floorbooks in P1 Completed homework Photos Central ELC team feedback 	 Develop further opportunities for children to have more personalisation and choice in their learning
for learning through play in their play zone. Teachers plan experiences that are relevant to children's stages of development and interests and ensure the children have a voice in what and how they learn. Teachers link play to previous and current learning. Through observations of play, they plan next steps and assess children's progress. These play	 Observations in play zone Floor books – where pupils give us their views and ideas. 'I wonder' questions Pupil feedback 	 Develop Play policy and roll out to other classes Develop middle and top floor open areas further to provide better learning
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opportunities have begun to be extended in some first level classes.	Pupils asked for a Viking boat and this was added to the open area P1 learning journeys	 environments Improve play opportunities outdoors with
	r i learning journeys	further loose parts play resources
 Teachers help children to develop a better understanding of their learning through the use of written and verbal feedback. 	 Pupil jotters Pupil feedback -survey Feb 22 Classroom observations Pupil Focus Group – April 23 	
 Teachers use a wide range of assessment evidence to support assessment judgements and decisions about next septs. 	 Whole school assessment strategy in place and followed by staff. Pupil feedback – detailed examples of how feedback has improved their learning 	
	Children are clear about next steps and supported to achieve these SIP action plan on feedback	
 Our teachers engage in moderation activities in school and with cluster schools. This collaboration is leading to a shared understanding of progression within and across the CfE levels and improved teacher 	 Wide range of assessment documentation in classes – Boxalls, Emerging literary spreadsheets, Nessy, Sumdog, Dyslexia assessments/reports, SNSAs, P7 maths assessment for transition purposes In-service cluster plans Staff feedback 	 Further opportunities to moderate with colleagues from other schools
confidence when making professional judgements.	PAM plans	
A few staff have been involved in moderating writing at a National level furthering their	CYPIC data	

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ability	y to make accurate teacher judgements	Participation in national training events	
mo plac Ass plan Ass chil and	tatement on planning, tracking and initoring ensures a consistent approach is in ce. This includes teachers employing a Plan, sess and Moderate (PAM) approach to the nning and delivery of High Quality sessments. These assessments enable ldren to demonstrate application of skills d knowledge across a range of contexts.	 PAM plans are embedded and assess skills and knowledge Planning, Tracking and monitoring statement developed and implemented Stage partners work closely together 	
a nun pathv and o Excell each for pl	ing pathways that have been developed for nber of areas of the curriculum. The learning ways outline the experiences and outcomes putline the learning within Curriculum for lence levels that children should achieve at stage. These pathways provide a framework lanning and ensure progression. They ort staff to track progress of learners.	to plan work, assess and moderate work on a regular basis.	
place staff Teach interr robus	g and monitoring arrangements are in e, which include robust discussions among to identify children in need of support. hers and the management team rogate a range of data and carry out a st analysis of this data to ensure all	Planning guidance in place Curriculum pathways	
Targe carefi and a system reque refer	ren are making appropriate progress. eted interventions are planned and fully monitored to ensure impact. Over above the tracking meetings there are ms in place where teaching staff can est support for identified learners. These rals are discussed by senior leaders and teachers to identify and action training,	 Regular ASN/MT meetings to review pupil progress and discuss any concerns raised by staff or parents. Targeted intervention requests Minutes of ASN/MT meetings SEEMIS records Feedback from staff Pupil Reports 	

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advice or specific interventions.	Survey results from parents	
	ACEL spreadsheets	
 The progress of children in our ASN department is tracked on SEEMIS and for those following individual milestones, this is done through review and evaluation of IEP targets and GIRFEC planning. These children have daily diaries which document their learning journey and share it with their parents/carers. 	 Minutes of reviews IEPs Child's Plans CSPs Daily diaries 	
 In a few classes children have been gathering and analysing data around target setting in writing. They have proudly used this to identify and secure improvements in their writing. The staff know the children well and respond effectively to any economic or emotional need. 	 Wall displays Pupil feedback Writing improvements – jotter work Pareto/Spreedsheet 	Implement SCERTS to enhance target setting
 An increasing number of staff (teaching and support) have been trained in Improvement Methodology. They have used this approach to identify target groups and their gap, plan interventions, measure impact, analyse findings and roll out change ideas. 	 Timely interventions SEEMIS notes Reports NA Promoting Equity Improvement Data – run charts, parental and pupil feedback 	 Provide more staff with training in Improvement Methodologyy
	CYPIC National Writing Programme data	

Quality Indicators from	How well are you doing?	How do you know?	What are you going to do now?	How would
How Good is our School?				you evaluate
	What's working well for your learners?	What quantitative and qualitative evidence	What are your improvement priorities in this	this QI using

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		do you have of a positive impact on learners?	area?	the HGIOS? six-point scale?
 3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion Wellbeing Fulfilment of statutory duties Inclusion and equality 	Pupils' wellbeing sits at the heart of all we do and this is clearly understood by all stakeholders.All staff know pupils very well and promote a nurturing ethos and environment. There is an ethos of mutual respect where relationships are positive and supportive.	The pupils are confident, happy and enjoy the whole school experience. Attendance levels are high, pupils want to come to school. Positive relationships provide consistently positive models for pupils.	Encourage the continuation of good attendance, promotion of positive relationships and wellbeing. Promote improved punctuality and provide support for any families having difficulties in this area.	4
	 Children's knowledge and understanding of the GIRFEC wellbeing indicators is developing well Children are treated with respect and dignity and recognised for their worth Careful support of pupils alongside other professionals, particularly, health and social work, Teacher of Communication. Service Level Agreements are in place to support partnership working. Staff have a working knowledge of statutory requirements and codes of practice and this is embed into the day to day life of the school. Staff are kept informed of any significant events in children's lives so they can plan accordingly and provide the necessary support to individuals. Robust processes in place for child protection and other statutory duties. Staff training includes Child Protection, GIRFEC training, further developing the 	 Pupils can assess their wellbeing and can describe how the school and others support their wellbeing across all indicators. Participation in the Daily Mile and are making links between physical activity and health All staff have had CP training and follow the Interagency Child Protections Procedures School links with other agencies and partners are utilised to support the wide range of need of pupils. Staff are aware of and use the Addressing Dyslexia Toolkit. Monthly MT/ ASN mainstream teacher meetings are held to discuss how pupil needs are being met and to consider any new pupils that require support. The school has developed nurturing approaches and the ethos is warm 	Continue with programmes that highlight SHANARRI so that there is clear progression in children knowledge and skill development in this area. Assess pupil wellbeing using the SHANARRI web. Implement ICE pack lessons. HWB pathway Look across the wider community to see where we can tap into to enhance learning experiences and involve staff training if required. Make use of the new ASN Quality Standards. Embed UNCRC Zones of Regulation work Consider mixing playgrounds once a week Consider criteria in place for attendance at lunchtime club	

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nurturing school approach and individual CPD.	and friendly. Nurture groups support a significant number of learners.	
Careful planning in place to support the breadth of pupil needs – supported by ASN teacher where necessary. Supports a progressive learning experience. Enhanced transition in place for identified children	Embedding of values and rights throughout the school and reference to them in reflective practice. PEF plans, Monitoring meetings, Transition plans	
Almost all learners have been engaging with the zones of regulation and have tools to support them to regulate their emotions	Learners have told us they know about the zones and have strategies to regulate	
Assemblies stimulate discussion and thought about global citizenship, diversity, faith and well-being. Staff are proactive at tackling issues or misconceptions through their learning and teaching – proactive and reactive.	Exclusions are rare Large number of placing requests	
We have effective strategies in place which are improving attainment and achievement for children facing challenges.	Attendance at clubs	
A breakfast club is in place for for all learners. This ensures a soft healthy start is available for all. A lunchtime club is available for learners who have shown that they struggle with the busy playground environment. After school clubs The school works with a range of partners to improve outcomes in health and wellbeing.	After school clubs, buddies, school nurse, dental team etc. Pupils actively involved in Sports Committee events and clubs. Breakfast club is open for all learners	
Through our school values the school community openly discuss inclusion,	Learners who have experienced	



participation and equality. An ethos of	trauma has regular emotional	
inclusion exists.	support	
	Support 1	
Emotional Support Officer is in place	Our 'l iving Room' provides a fully	
	Our 'Living Room' provides a fully	
The emotional needs of learners are met	staffed nurture space for learners	
	who require emotional support	
and seen as a priority		
	Mental and Emotional Health	
We listen closely to the views of our	features as a priority on our SIP	
school community and from this have		
prioritised mental and emotional health		
this and next session.	All learners are using a range of	
	communication strategies	
A range of augmentative and alternative		
A range of augmentative and alternative	Individualised approach	
communication is in use and promoted	Effective support in place for	
widely through the school community.	learners	
	Calmer and more productive	
Staff have a very good understanding of	learning environment	
behaviours as a means of communication.		
A wide range of approaches and		
strategies are in use to support individual	A number of staff are trained in	
children		
Children	SignAlong Foundation Course	
We are creating a richer communication		
environment		

Quality Indicators from How Good is our School?	How well are you doing? What's working well for your children?	How do you know? What quantitative and qualitative evidence do you have of a positive impact on learners?	What are you going to do now? What are your improvement priorities in this area?	How would you evaluate this QI using the HGIOS? six-point scale?
3.2 Raising attainment and achievement (HGIOS)Attainment in	 We identified gaps in attainment as a result of the pandemic and prioritised support for learning in all literacy and numeracy lessons to close identified gaps. Across the school, 	Overall school results in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing show good progress and impact of improvements.	Continue to identify ways to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy and close the attainment	Good



literacy and	children benefit from working in small groups	Data gathered and analysed	gap
numeracy	with increased direct teaching time in reading,		20P
Attainment	writing and numeracy and mathematics	Attainment over time	Roll out National Writing CYPIC
over time	lessons. This is impacting positively on	spreadsheet	(Children and Young People's
Overall quality	children's progress and attainment across the		Improvement Collaborative)
of learners'	school. For children with additional barriers to	SEEMIS records	programme across school
achievement	learning, we can demonstrate that they are attaining appropriately for their individual		
 Equity for all 	levels of need and making good progress in		Identify and trial a change idea in
learners	literacy and English, and numeracy and		numeracy
	mathematics in relation to their prior levels of		
	attainment.		
	 School achievement of a level data for last 	ACEL data spreadsheet	
	session shows attainment has returned to pre- pandemic levels in almost all classes. This data		
	includes all primary aged children in		
	mainstream and most within our ASN		
	department.		
	 In May 2023 at early level, most children are 		
	currently achieving expected Curriculum for		
	Excellence (CfE) levels in listening and talking,	 Data from assessments, along 	
	reading, writing and numeracy and	with moderated teacher	
	mathematics. At first level, the majority of	judgement	
	children are currently achieving expected CfE levels in numeracy and most in listening and	SEEMIS record	
	talking, reading and writing. Currently at		
	second level, most children are achieving	SNSAs	
	expected CfE levels in numeracy and reading,	Attainment over time s/s	
	the majority in writing and almost all in		
	listening and talking.	Folios of evidence	
		Pupil work	
		 Data from assessments, along 	
	 Overall, children are making good progress in reading, writing and listening and talking. 	with moderated teacher	
	reading, writing and instening and taiking.	judgement	
		,	

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 Most children receiving support through PEF are making very good progress from prior levels of attainment. Overall, children are making good progress in numeracy and mathematics. 	SEEMIS record SNSAs Attainment over time s/s Folios of evidence Pupil work • PEF spreadsheet	
• Robust processes are in place to track attainment in literacy and English and numeracy and mathematics over time. We ensure the data is used effectively to plan support and interventions to close gaps for individual children, classes and groups. This is ensuring progress and attainment is improving across the school.	 Data from assessments, along with moderated teacher judgement SEEMIS record SNSAs Attainment over time s/s Folios of evidence Pupil work 	 Track progress across all curricular areas
 Staff celebrate children's achievements at assemblies, in classrooms, on the canteen display screen and on our school website. Children recognise the skills and qualities of their peers and nominate them for putting our 'Values into Action'. This is supporting children to contribute to the positive ethos across the school. Children are very proud of the role they have in recognising and celebrating the success of others. Following COVID mitigations, we have begun to reinstate our children's leadership opportunities. These include organising and 	 Planning, tracking and monitoring statement Implementation of monitoring and tracking overview Pupil feedback Nomination slips Wall displays Scrapbook. Observations of engagement regarding canteen display Emails sent by pupils Achievement survey results 	• Reinstate Wider Achievement Groups
running whole school events such as Children in Need Day, Tuck Shop and Coronation celebrations as well as working with other	 Pupil Feedback Staff feedback Photos 	 Provide further leadership opportunities for more learners to develop leadership skills and involve

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playground, tooth brushing supporters, Young Leaders Group, Canteen Monitors and PairedMinutes of meetings Development Driver action plansactivities the school'	fully in self-evaluation nrough 'How Good is OUR
Leaders Group, Canteen Monitors and Paired Development Driver action plans school'	
load activities for your phildren. This is	
developing their confidence, leadership and	
communication skills	
conference	
Extremely successful whole school	
events organised and run by	
Children participate in a range of clubs and Children – Children in Need, Continue to	
activities in and out of school. We meniter Coronation etc	o offer a wide range of clubs
participation and identify children who are not Achievements survey and for all ages	
attending any of the activities on offer. We results	
have begun to address barriers to participation After school clubs register	
including extending the range of clubs. Actions agreed following	
monitoring of achievement	
survey	
BB approach to achievements –	
assemblies/screen in canteen	
etc. • Euroquiz fi	nal in Edinburgh in June 23
Our children take great pride in representing Euroquiz regional winners	
their school within the community. They	
achieve high lough of success and recognition	
when doing so	
Found Fluider Competition	
Music Festival	
Choir concert	
Sporting events – Boccia,	
Netball etc	
Intergenerational work	
Young Writer's Competition	
Children in P4-7 are regularly reflecting on School trips – museum, libary Eurther imp	prove children's ability to
the telescontraction to a sector of a short	and identify a wide of range
recording this on a digital profile. Through Distal profiles	nhance their knowledge of
this, they are furthering their understanding of metaskills.	
how they are meeting the four capacities and four capacities and	





developing a w	vide range of skills.	Pupil feedback	
are learning at profiling on M recognising the	sition to the AHS children in P7 bout metaskills and have begun y World of Work. They are eir personal skills, qualities and and how these can be built on arner journey.	 P7 My World of Work profiles Pupil voice 	• Begin learner journey lessons in P6
range of barrie We track close	a strong understanding of the ers to learning children may face. Hy the progress and attainment with potential barriers to their	 SEEMIS notes Staff feedback IEPs Individual supports in place Adapted environments Targeted Intervention Requests 	 Participatory budgeting rolled out Provide emotional support role in 23/24
analyse data a children's learn the progress a supported thro provide addition targeted suppo funding also pu free and acces invited into the Breakfast Club classes are at t	ent team work with teachers to nd identify specific gaps in ning and achievement. We track nd attainment of children bugh PEF. We use PEF funding to onal teaching and support staff. nal staff members provide ort for identified children. PEF rovides a breakfast club which is sible to all. Families have been e school to experience the alongside their child. A few the early stages of using PEF for Budgeting to improve reading for	 PEF spreadsheet – school overview and impact of intervention Breakfast Club register Pupil Feedback Learning breakfast data Management Team minutes Participatory Budgeting ASN/MT minutes 	

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	enjoyment at se	econd level.					
	child's plan, wh targets, to ensu Regular monito	ildren have a multi-agency ich sets clear measurable re their needs are met. ring of these plans take place nput from staff, pupils, parents	CSPs GIRF Pupil	's Plans EC documentation passports onal Needs Care Plans			
	equitable appro in place and sha	shared understanding of baches. An Equity Statements is bred with the school community r knowledge and remove rs to learning.	• Equit	ry statement			
	groups provide who have exper experiencing ch monitoring of th	Support Officer and nurture essential support to children rienced trauma or are allenges in their life. Careful nese individual children shows n their engagement and ability	ESO r Feed and r SEEM	ates of MT/ESO meetings records and spreadsheet back from staff, parents oupils AIS notes ma Informed Practice Sway		r how we provide emotional once the ESO role ends.	
Self-evaluation sum	mary for prin	nary schools and prima	ary schools	with a nursery class	s/early learning	ng and childcare settir	igs (ELC):
Bell's Brae Primary	School, Shet	land Islands Council		1			
How well are you do	oing?	How do you know?		What are you going	g to do now?	How would you eval	uate this QI

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What's working well for your learners?	What evidence do you have of positive impact on learners?	What are your improvement priorities in this area?	using the HGIOS?4/HGIOELC? six-point scale?
		; Quality of teaching; Effective use of as	
 All staff have worked hard to create a purposeful, safe, stimulating and nurturing play environment. Children have free flow access to their outdoor environment, which allows them to develop skills and take part in risky play activities. Children have access to loose parts across the setting supporting them to develop a wide range of skills. Children are involved and engaged in the play opportunities offered. They have regular opportunities to lead their own learning. Children are calm and comfortable in the environment and are familiar with the routines in the setting. Through supportive and nurturing relationships the children are happy and confident. They interact well with adults and peers. Staff encourage children to develop independence and responsibility on a regular basis. All staff have a shared understanding 	 Outdoor policy Children's feedback Staff feedback Floorbooks Local Authority School Improvement Visit Feedback Photos Observations Minutes of staff meetings Observations Staff training records Floorbooks All learners are happy and achieving. Balance of self-directed and adult directed play. Observations/monitoring Children's feedback Parent feedback Personal Plans Minutes of staff meetings Familiar routines for children Snack and mealtimes procedure 	 Improve staff observation in zones to fully identify next steps in learning for each individual. Share Bell's Brae's continuous provision journey at our planned Stay and Play session in May 2023 Staff snack and mealtime working group to continue to develop opportunities for children to take responsibilities around food and food choices. 	Good
 about the importance of play and how to ensure it has a positive impact on children's progress and development. Staff are more confident in knowing when to observe, question or comment during children's play. In the setting there is a balance of adult initiated, child led and adult led experiences. Staff have developed continuous 	 Staff feedback Staff training records ELC Microsoft Team records Zone visuals Staff can articulate the importance of Realising the Ambition Teacher's timetable 		

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	provision indoors through zones, resulting in improvements in planning and higher quality observations and interactions. As a result of the zones development children's engagement has improved as they have access to a wider range of open ended resources. These familiar zones have also impacted on the children's feelings of security.	Zones planning • Staff feedback Children's feedback Survey results – April 23 Zone visuals Zone floorbooks Observations Staff guidance on zone floorbooks	 Outdoor working group developing loose parts and growing Provide further opportunities for children to use digital technology to enhance their learning.
•	The development of an ELC Visual supports a shared understanding of what high quality provision looks like in our setting. This is ensuring greater consistency across the setting. Staff	Children are aware of where resources are in the environment and what to expect	
	engage in professional learning and reading, linked to this visual, to ensure they maintain high standards.	 All staff involved in the creation of a visual – document on TEAMS Staff feedback Visual Jamboard with all staff feedback Monitoring 	 Continue to develop further consistency among staff team in implementing all aspects of the visual and ensuring feedback from monitoring is based on these identified principles. This will be used to form professional learning discussions with all members of the staff
•	Within the setting purposeful observations of children take place. Staff have a growing sense of the curriculum and child development. They have increased their knowledge and	 Professional Learning discussions Observations Focus Child floorbook 	 Literacy and numeracy guidance has been drafted and is to be shared with whole staff team, in order for them to be
	understanding of metaskills and highlight these to make informed observations. Staff meet regularly to discuss observations and use this information to plan next steps for children.	Learning Journals Minutes of staff meetings Personal Plans Staff feedback	 better placed to identify next steps in these curricular areas. Continue to develop ways to effectively share observations within the wider staff team.
•	Tracking and monitoring processes are well established for all children. These provide information on each child's progress and identify areas for development. The ELC teacher maintains literacy and numeracy tracking documents for all pre-schoolers.	 All children are making progress. Their progress is tracked using 	 Learning Journey and Journal documentation to be shared with P1 teachers to ensure a smooth transition and that teachers are building on prior



 Developmental overviews are in place for all children. Staff record skills and progress in children's learning journals. They have begun to capture the child's voice within these journals. 	 Developmental Overviews/tracking documents. CT and DHT meet to discuss children's progress and where necessary identify and record targeted interventions – which may involve input from other agencies Tracking spreadsheet 'My Learning Journey' documentation SEEMIS records Personal Plans Written observations are highlighting progress and where necessary next steps. Learning journals are individual to each child. 	 learning. Review staff roles around the completion of developmental overviews Consistent approach by all staff to the completion of learning journals ensuring significant aspects of learning are document – develop guidance to support this Increase frequency of monitoring Learning Journals 'All about me now' forms to be 	
• Staff have detailed knowledge about the children in the setting and in particular those who are experiencing barriers to their learning. They identify and support children who require additional help.		developed	
• Staff record and share children's interests, progress and achievements with parents/carers twice year through their 'Focus Child' approach. This approach involves individual target setting.	 Personal plans SEEMIS notes Play plans 'All about Me' forms Personal plans guidance Enrolment forms Staff interactions with individual children Focus Child forms Parent feedback 	 Further involvement with parents/carers to incorporate achievements out of school Review Focus Child observation sheet to invite written parental feedback 	





QI 3.2 Securing children's progress (Progress in communication, early language, mathematics, health and wellbeing; Children's progress over time; Overall quality of children's achievement; Ensuring equity for all children)					
In the ELC almost all children are making very good progress.	 Individual trackers are in place for literacy and numeracy Developmental Overviews Tracking spreadsheet Target setting for focus child. 	 Review staff roles around the completion of developmental overviews 			
 High quality experiences, spaces and approaches ensure that all children are highly motivated and engaged, developing a range of skills. 	 Observations Zone floorbooks Children's feedback Focus Child sheets Open ended resources 				
The environment indoors and outdoors ensures continuous provision where children can apply and develop their literacy and numeracy skills through engaging play opportunities.	 Continuous provision environment Photos Learning Journeys Photos of children finding lines of symmetry in the environment and fractions of a shape in snack area Story of the week Nursery Rhymes at Together time 		Good		
 Staff make effective use of information to work towards and achieve agreed targets for individual pupils with ASN. 	Story maps Drawing club pictures Photos of children writing to Edinburgh Zoo Individual play plans Minutes of meetings Plan for Learning Support Worker input SEEMIS notes Personal plans				
The achievements of children are					

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recorded and celebrated in their Learning Journals, on wall displays and on the Nursery Blog. These are available for parents/carers to see.	Learning Journals Nursery Blog Wall displays	 Develop a consistent approach to gathering and sharing children's achievements out of the setting 	
• Children in the setting are provided with opportunities to engage with the wider school community in the playground, at whole school events and during buddy time. They have opportunities to develop their understanding of their place in the community through local walks and visits.	 Photos – Folk Festival concert, Montfield garden, library Children's feedback Community display board Zones floorbooks Outdoor learning policy 		
• Equity for children and their families remains at the heart of our practice and staff demonstrate commitment to GIRFEC.	 SEEMIS notes Play plans GIRFEC paperwork 		
• We promote a shared understanding of equitable approaches. An Equity Statements is in place and shared with the school community to enhance their knowledge and remove potential barriers to learning.	 Equity sway 'We have rights song' -UNCRC 		
 Staff provide regular updates on children's progress to parents/carers using a range of different approaches. 	Focus Child sheet Personal Plans Pre-school written reports/appointments SEEMIS notes Learning Breakfast Learner Led Event Daily feedback at drop off/pick up		
• Staff are committed to Continued professional learning and this supports the development priorities outlined in the school improvement plan	Staff review and development meetings Additional hours agreement document ELC Microsoft team Staff training records	 Staff sharing key learning from CPD/Professional reading during staff meetings 	



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Factors Influencing the 2023/24 Improvement Plan

Local authority factors	National factors and drivers
 Excellence and Equity for Shetlands' learners Children's Services, Recovery and Renewal Plan Children's Services, Directorate Plan SIC Operational Guidance: School Improvement Planning and Standards and Quality Reporting SIC Strategy for Parental Involvement 2022 	 Curriculum for Excellence Realising the Ambition National Improvement Framework The Scottish Attainment Challenge Education Reform and Empowerment Getting It Right for Every Child Developing Young Workforce Digital Learning and Teaching Strategy The Equity Audit "Learning Together": Scotland's national action plan for parental involvement etc. 2018-2021
School factors	Local factors
 We have received £33,075 of Pupil Equity Funding Over the past two years staff have really missed the opportunity to work collaboratively and meet face to face. This will be considered when planning implementation strategies to maximise this. The school received an inspection from Education Scotland in May 2023 The loss of our Emotional Support Officer for 2023-24 	Consideration of the electronic transfer and storage of pupil evidence within the cluster
UNCRC	Tacking Inequalities, Poverty Proofing and Cost of the School
 Pupil Leadership Group established on Children's Rights – this group will promote Children's Rights throughout the school and will monitor progress through their action plan. Impact – increased awareness 	 Day Sensitive planning for all activities. School supports families that we are aware of that are in financial hardship. Partnership with the Early Help Team to support individual families. Restricted fundraising expectations on families Cost of the School Day sway produced and shared with families





NIF PRIORITIES	NIF DRIVERS	1.1 Self-evaluation for self-	2.1 Safeguarding and child	3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality
Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of	 School and ELC leadership 	improvement	protection	and inclusion
education.	Teacher and practitioner	1.2 Leadership for learning	2.2 Curriculum	3.2 Raising attainment and
 Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing 	professionalism	1.3 Leadership of change	2.3 Learning, teaching and	achievement/Securing children's
Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and	 Parent/carer involvement and 	1.4 Leadership and	assessment	progress
young people	engagement	management of staff	2.4 Personalised support	3.3 Increasing creativity &
Improvement in skills and sustained, positive school-leaver destinations for all young	 Curriculum and assessment 	1.5 Management of resources	2.5 Family Learning	employability/ Developing creativity
people	 School and ELC improvement 	to promote equity	2.6 Transitions	& skills for life & learning
 Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy. 	Performance information		2.7 Partnerships	
(highlight as appropriate)				

Priority 1: Improve attainment in Numeracy and Literacy Continuation from 22/23? Y Link to COVID-19 recovery Y

Data/evidence	Planned Outcome	How exactly are we going to do it?	Resources and Lead	Monitoring the impact of the
that informs		• Attend Metacognition and Differentiation training (14.8.	Person	priority on learners
this priority:		2023)	Cheryl Simpson	
Current attainment data	By June 2024 a minimum of 80% of learners in P1-7 are on track in writing (currently 77%)	 Discuss training and planned actions as a result (7.10.23) Introduce documentation in planning meetings to capture 	Working group Adapted CYPIC materials	Highland Literacy Pathway
SNSA	(currently 7776)	actions for children not on track and those above track (T1)		
Circular 017 –		Roll out CYPIC writing improvement training (29.09.23)	Updated literacy policy 2023	
2023 – R Education	By June 2024 a minimum of 81% learners in P1-7 will have improved their performance in number and number	 Implement CYPIC writing improvement bundle in P2-7 (terms 2 and repeat term3/4) 		
Scotland	based processes	Set CYPIC stretch aims (24.10.23)		
inspection feedback	(current baseline 79%)	Review and moderate CYPIC progress (21.11.23)		Attainment data / tracking meetings as per cycle
	By June 2024 100% of learners will be working at a pace which is suitable to	Undertake for peer observation/support (21.11.23 and term 2)		Planning documentation Pupil voice
	their needs, receiving appropriate differentiation and challenge.	Plan and complete a numeracy baseline assessment of their stage by the end of term 1 (29.08.23)		Tracking meetings Classroom visits Moderation activities – in school and
		Identify numeracy change idea and implement(29.08.23)		with other schools.
		Review and monitor (21.05.24)		





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people	 School and ELC improvement 	to promote equity	2.6 Transitions	& skills for life & learning
 Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy. 	Performance information		2.7 Partnerships	
(highlight as appropriate)				

Data/evidence that informs this	Planned Outcome	How exactly are we going to do it?	Resources and Lead Person	Monitoring the impact of the priority on learners
priority: 22/23 SIP	By June 2024 90% of learners, through IDL, will exercise further choice and take increasing responsibility for	 Evaluate and organise resources and IDL plans (Oct 23) Identify opportunities/experiences within IDL to ansure percendication and choice on well as 	Teaching staff	Staff feedback
Feedback	leading the learning	ensure personalisation and choice as well as STEM based activities (8.1.24)		IDL plans Meta-skills self-evaluation
from QIM Pupil Voice Survey	By June 24 90% of learners in P5-7 have evaluated the development of their metaskills and have set their own targets in relation to this.	• Familarise self with meta-skills and involve learners in evaluating their skills and setting their own targets. (2.11.24)		Pupil voice
Parent Survey Education	By June 24 90% of teachers will be creating opportunities for learners to recognise, understand and explore their	 Provide opportunities for learners to develop their meta-skills and track their progress. (16.1.24) (5.3.24) (30.5.24) 		
Scotland inspection feedback	metaskills development			





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Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and	 Parent/carer involvement and 	1.4 Leadership and	assessment	progress
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people	 School and ELC improvement 	to promote equity	2.6 Transitions	& skills for life & learning
 Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy. 	Performance information		2.7 Partnerships	
(highlight as appropriate)				

Priority 3: Implement CIRCLE and SCERTS frameworks

Continuation from 22/23? Y

Data/evidence that informs this priority:	Planned Outcome	How exactly are we going to do it?	Resources and Lead Person	Monitoring the impact of the priority on learners
Continues from	By March 24 100% of staff will be aware of the CIRCLE framework and will utilise this approach when supporting learners	Attend relevant training (5.12.23) Audit current practice against CICS and CPS Ensure all environments are CIRCLE friendly	All staff CIRCLE training - 2hrs face to face Online training – 3hrs	Staff feedback Observations
last year's plan	100% of identified learners have increased engagement in their individual targets, measured through GIRFEC process	Familiarise ASN teaching staff with suite of SCERTS resources	CIRCLE inclusive classroom scale (CICS) CIRCLE participation scale (CPS)	GIRFEC meetings My meeting booklets
	By June 24 100% of relevant staff have an increased awareness of the SCERTS framework and are using it to support target setting	Engage outside agencies in the SCERTS assessment process	SCERTS resources ASN teachers	





NIF PRIORITIES	NIF DRIVERS	1.1 Self-evaluation for self-	2.1 Safeguarding and child	3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality
Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of	 School and ELC lear 	dership improvement	protection	and inclusion
education.	 Teacher and practiti 	oner 1.2 Leadership for learning	2.2 Curriculum	3.2 Raising attainment and
 Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing 	professionalism	1.3 Leadership of change	2.3 Learning, teaching and	achievement/Securing children's
Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and	 Parent/carer involve 	ment and 1.4 Leadership and	assessment	progress
young people	engagement	management of staff	2.4 Personalised support	3.3 Increasing creativity &
 Improvement in skills and sustained, positive school-leaver destinations for all young 	 Curriculum and asse 	ssment 1.5 Management of resources	2.5 Family Learning	employability/ Developing creativity
people	 School and ELC imp 	rovement to promote equity	2.6 Transitions	& skills for life & learning
 Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy. 	 Performance information 	ation	2.7 Partnerships	
(highlight as appropriate)			-	

Priority 4: ELC improvements

Continuation from 22/23? Y

Data/evidence	Planned Outcome	How exactly are we going to do it?	Resources and Lead	Monitoring the impact of the
that informs this			Person	priority on learners
priority:	By June 2024 100% of staff have improved their skills and confidence in	 Develop a shared understanding of the purpose of learning journeys – what is being recorded, why 		Staff feedback Observations
Education Scotland	recording quality observations and using these to identify next steps for	and how is it impacting on the individual child	Frances Tait	Floorbooks record consistent quality observations
inspection feedback	individual learners.	Agree a clear procedure for gathering information form families and recording achievements of		Learning journeys clearly identify results
Staff feedback	By June 2024 90% of children will have	from families and recording achievements of children.	All ELC staff	of observations and next steps
	their achievements from out with school recognised and recorded by staff	• Recognise children's achievements and use these to consider next steps for each child.		Learning journeys Displays
LA advice				Feedback from staff, children and parents
	By June 2024 100% of children have improved their digital literacy skills	 Familiarise self with Digital Literacy and Computing Science framework and implement in ELC setting 	Digital Literacy and Computing Science	Observations Staff feedback
	By June 2024 90% of staff will feel confident in delivering framework for digital literacy and computer science.		framework	Pupil voice Displays
	By June 2024 100% of staff have had opportunities to take on leadership roles.	 Continue with working groups to take forward aspects of ELC practice Empower all staff to be involved with tracking children's progress 	Working groups	Staff feedback





Pupil Equity Fund – Planning and Reporting

PEF Allocation 23/24 £31,503.25				Carry forward fr	om 2023	3: -£1571.75			
Remaining in Aug 23 - £3202.32									
Project/intervention:									
What data/evidence informs this? Feedback from pupils, staff and parents about the value of breakfast club									
Interventions for Equity Interventions for Equity Self-evaluation National Improvement Hub (education.gov.scot) (highlight the interventions that apply)									
Early intervention and prevention Social and Emotional Wellbeing		Vellbeing	Promoting healthy lifestyles	Targeted approaches to literacy and numeracyPromoting a high qua experience		lity learning	Differentiated support		
Use of Evidence and Data	e of Evidence and Data Employability and Skills Development		Engaging beyond the school	Partnership working		Professional learning and leadership		Research and evaluation to monitor impact	
Planned Outcome			Details of project/interver	ntion: Resources and Lead		Measures of impact on learners			
100% of children have access to free breakfast and fruit		fast		Offer a free breakfast clubbreakOffer free fruit at breaktimesBreak		ember to run est club ast Club food nop fruit	Breakfa Uptake	st club register of fruit	
Teaching and Learning									
Leadership									
Family and Community X									



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	Development Time Tuesdays 1510 – 1610 (unless otherwise stated)					
	Date 2023 - 2024	Development Area	Personnel			
Term 1	14 August	Metacognition and differentiation training	All Staff			
	15 August	Class set up	All Staff			
	29 August	Numeracy baselines/change ideas	Teaching staff			
	7 September	Differentiation and Metacognition	Stage Meeting			
	12 September	CIRCLE training	All staff			
	29 September	CYPIC – cascading writing programme	Teaching staff			
	23 October	IDL- evaluate plans and resources/SCERTS	All Staff			
	24 October	CYPIC – target setting/planning	All Staff			
Term 2	2 November	Meta-skills	Teaching staff			
T CHIT Z	21 November	CYPIC progress/peer support meeting	Teaching staff			
	30 November		Stage Meeting			
	5 December	CIRCLE training	All Staff			
	8 January	Cluster moderation/IDL – choice and STEM	All Staff			
	16 January	Meta-skills	Teaching staff			
Term 3	8 February		Stage Meeting			
	20 February	Audit/self-evaluation	All Staff			
	29 February	CYPIC – target setting 2	Teaching staff			
	5 March	Meta-skills	Teaching staff			
	21 March	CYPIC - review	Teaching staff			
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	2 May		Stage Meeting			
	7 May	Consider audit results and draft action plans	All staff			
Term 4	21 May	Review Numeracy Change idea	Teaching staff			
	30 May	Meta-skills	Teaching staff			
	4 June	Draft SIP/S&Q report	All staff			
	13 June		Teaching staff			



Working Time Agreement 2023-24

Collegiate Agreement Bell's Brae Primary School					
Activity	Time per week				
Teaching	22.5 hours				
Personal time (preparation and correction)	7.5 hours				
Collegiate time	5.0 hours				
Total	35 hours				

Total collegiate time available 39 weeks x 5 hours = 195 hours				
Activity	Total			
Partnership with parents/carers	25			
Reports / Profiling	35			
Staff development time/professional reading/stage meetings	25			
Professional Enquiry	10			
School Improvement Priorities	26			
Planning, Assessment and Moderation	30			
Liaison/consultation - class teachers/ASN teachers/MT	25			
Professional Review and Development	6			
Time left for other activities/duties	13			
Total	195			

Additional Hours Agreement Bell's Brae Nursery							
Activity	Full	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.2		
	time	(4 days)	(3 days)	(2 days)	(1 day)		
improvement/Operational/Working group	30	24	18	12	6		
meetings – Monday 1600-1700							
Resources - termly	8	6.4	4.8	3.2	1.6		
Time left for other agreed	5	4	3	2	1		
activities/training e.g first aid							
Weekly debrief meeting (Mon for staff in	9.5	7.6	5.7	3.8	1.9		
that day)							
Total	52.5	42	31.5	21	10.5		
	hrs						



