

West Dunbartonshire Council

Report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services

Children's Services Committee: 16 August 2006

Subject: Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education: Report on Our Holy Redeemer Primary School

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To inform Members of the inspection of Our Holy Redeemer Primary School by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIe) and the subsequent report, published by HMIe on 13 June 2006. A copy of the inspection report is attached as an Appendix to this report.

2. Background

- 2.1** Our Holy Redeemer Primary School was inspected in March 2006 as part of a national sample of primary education. The inspection covered key aspects of the work of the school at all stages. It evaluated pupils' achievements, the effectiveness of the school, the environment for learning, the school's processes for self-evaluation and capacity for improvement. There was a particular focus on attainment and teaching and learning activities in English language and mathematics.
- 2.2** Her Majesty's Inspectors examined pupils' work and interviewed staff and pupils. Responses to questionnaires issued to a sample of parents, pupils in P4 to P7 and to all staff were also analysed. The inspection report is available at <http://www.hmie.gov.uk/>

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** Members will note that HM Inspectors identified key strengths within the school, in particular:
- confident, hard-working pupils and their sense of identity and pride in the school;
 - the broad range of learning experiences, including out-of-school activities;
 - approaches to meeting the requirements of pupils with additional support needs;
 - the contribution of all staff to maintaining the positive learning environment and their attention to pupils' pastoral care;
 - the leadership of the headteacher.

- 3.2** Members will note that in relation to the indicators of quality, 9 of the indicators were rated very good, 6 were rated as good. There were no 'unsatisfactory' evaluations. The report uses the following 6 point evaluation scale to make clear judgements made by inspectors:

Excellent	excellent
Very good	major strengths
Good	important strengths with some areas for improvement
Adequate	strengths just outweigh weaknesses
Weak	important weaknesses
Unsatisfactory	unsatisfactory

- 3.3** Overall, the inspection found that the achievements of Our Holy Redeemer Primary School are of a high standard and that the school, parents and children as well as everyone associated with the school should be congratulated on the performance identified within the report.
- 3.4** The Inspectors reported that the school and the education authority, in liaison with HM Inspectors, should take action to ensure that the school would:
- further improve pupils' attainment in English language;
 - make more effective use of ICT across the curriculum; and
 - build on recent improvements and existing good practice in learning.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** This report has no implications for personnel.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The delegated school budget will finance the action plan.

6. Conclusions

- 6.1** HM Inspectors will make no further reports in connection with this inspection. The school and the education authority will prepare an action plan indicating how the main findings of the report will be taken forward. The plan will be shared with parents/carers and school staff. Within 2 years of the date of publication, parents and carers will be informed about the progress made by the school.

7. Recommendations

7.1 Members are requested:

- (a) to note the contents of this report; and
- (b) to congratulate the staff, parents and children of Our Holy Redeemer Primary School, for their achievements as recognised by HMle in the report published on 13 June 2006.

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