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Report to:	East Kilbride Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 June 2005
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	HMI Report - St Kenneth's Primary School
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Advise of the outcome of the inspection of St Kenneth's Primary School by HM Inspectors.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) to note the HMI Report on St Kenneth's Primary School.

3. Background

- 3.1. St Kenneth's Primary School was inspected in January 2005 as part of a national sample of primary education.
- 3.2. HM Inspectors evaluated pupils' achievements, the effectiveness of the school and the environment for learning, the school's processes for self-evaluation and capacity for improvement. There was a particular focus on attainment in English language and mathematics.
- 3.3. HM Inspectors examined pupils' work and interviewed staff and pupils. They analysed questionnaires issued to a sample of parents, P4 to P7 pupils and to all staff. Members of the inspection team also met members of the School Board, representatives of the Parent – Teacher Association (PTA) and a group of parents.

4. Findings of HM Inspectors

4.1. The Inspectors made comments under the following headings:

- Key Strengths
- What are the views of parents and carers, pupils and staff?
- How good are learning, teaching and achievement?
- How well are pupils supported?
- How good is the environment for learning?
- Improving the school

4.2. The Inspectors found that:-

- There were very good relationships between staff and the polite, courteous pupils.
- The hard working staff provided high quality pastoral care for pupils.
- The school provided a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Pupils' learning experiences were good.
- Attainment in English language and mathematics was good.
- Staff had good expectations for pupils' attainment and achievement and there was a good sense of equality and fairness.
- The school had established an effective partnership with parents, the School Board and the community. Particular strengths were the links with local businesses and the wide range of events organised by the PTA.

4.3. HMI identified the following as the main points for action by the school and Education Authority to ensure improvement in:-

- Pupils' attainment in English language and mathematics by ensuring that the pace of learning and level of challenge is sufficient to meet the needs of all pupils.
- The monitoring and evaluation of the work of the school, the attainment of pupils and the quality of learning and teaching.
- The quality of accommodation.
- Levels and continuity of staffing.
- The strategic leadership of the school.

4.4. An action plan to take forward these points has been drawn up by the Head Teacher with the support of the Head of Learning Community and Education Resources.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. A new Head Teacher was appointed to the school in May 2005.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. None.

7. Other Implications

7.1. None.

8. Consultation

8.1. Consultation has taken place with the School Board, local elected members and staff.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives

- Learning in the Community
- Supporting the Community

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

- HMI Report – St Kenneth's Primary School

Contact for Further Information

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