

ANGUS COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

11 JUNE 2002

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION AND CELEBRATING SUCCESS

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Education Committee should note the contents of this report.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 Reference is made to comments in the recent HMIE report on the education functions of Angus Council that

*“there was further scope for providing elected members with more detailed information on Education Department performance and attainment in schools to assist them in decision making”.*

2.2 In order to comply in part with that recommendation, it is planned to report to the Education Committee at least three times per annum on, amongst other things:

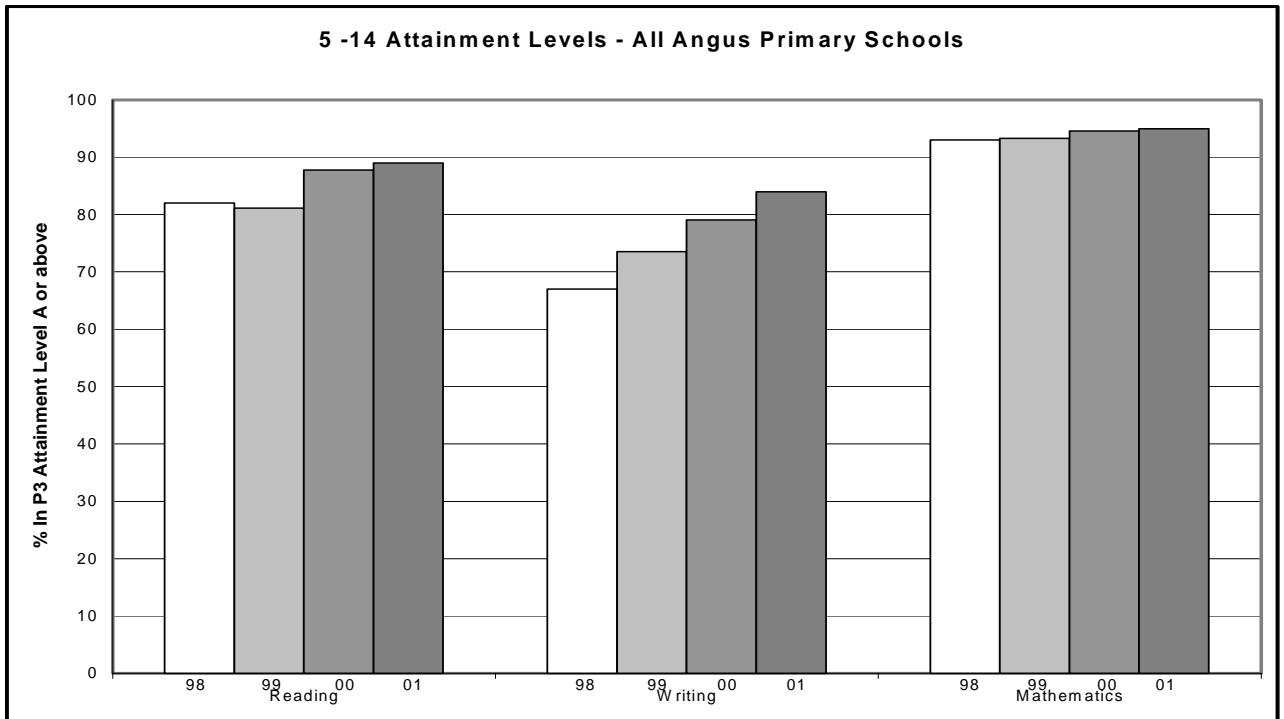
- 5-14 Attainment levels
- Attainment in SQA examinations
- Digest of reports of HMIE inspections of Angus schools
- Details of schools and/or pupils and/or staff who have noteworthy success to report.

**3. EARLY INTERVENTION**

The Early intervention programme has been successful in raising attainment in literacy and numeracy in the early stages of primary schools. Assessment data from local evaluations and from external evaluations provide clear evidence of this rise in standards within Angus Council.

Figure 1 shows the increasing percentage of Primary 3 pupils achieving at or above Level A within the 5-14 Attainment Levels.

This rise in attainment is most significant in Writing where there has been a 17% increase across all Angus schools (67% to 84%).



**Figure 1**

#### 4. ANALYSIS OF HMI REPORTS

The undernoted table sets out a summary of evaluations of HMIE contained within published inspections of the five Angus schools which have been published in the period August 2001 to June 2002.

School	Inspection date	Very Good	Good	Fair	U/satis	Quality of Lessons		
						Very Good	Good	Fair
Tannadice PS	August 2001	8	11	2	0	31%	53%	16%
Langlands PS	September 2001	7	11	4	0	33%	49%	18%
Pitkenedy PS	October 2001	2	8	9	1	50%	50%	0%
Auchterhouse PS	October 2001	1	11	8	0	0%	71%	29%
Airlie PS	March 2002	5	11	4	0	29%	65%	6%

## 5. SUCCESS STORIES JANUARY - MAY 2002

The final element of this report records some of the successes of individual pupils and Angus schools in various events.

- Major building projects have been completed in a number of schools – Aberlemno Primary School, Birkhill Primary School, Inverbrothock Primary School, Ladyloan Primary School and Southmuir Primary School/Webster's High School.
- Glenisla and Careston Primary schools were chosen out of 500 applicants to be awarded £1,000 by the CBI for their enterprising projects – a laminating business and a tuck shop.
- A team from Forfar Academy won the “John R Muchersie Award” in a Scotland-wide engineering challenge for secondary schools hosted by Sensation, Dundee.
- The winning entry of the Scottish Section of Amnesty International's competition for children aged 7 – 11 was the poem “The Feeling of Gloom” written by a Seaview Primary School pupil (who has since moved to Monikie Primary School).
- Two P7 pupils from Seaview Primary School won the regional final of the Be An Inventor Challenge 2002/03. One of the judges offered to help them write a patent application for their invention – an indication system for vacant spaces in multi storey car parks.
- Pupils from Forfar Academy won first prize in all three categories in The Royal Bank of Scotland Young Enterprise Tayside Awards for best trade stand, best presentation and best company report.
- A team from Forfar Academy won the Technology Challenge section of the Young Engineers Clubs Scotland 2002 Showcase and Technology Challenge. They were awarded a three day tour of Scottish industry and also collected £200 and the winners' trophy – the second time in three years the club has won the Technology Challenge.
- Colliston Primary School was chosen to represent Tayside in the Scotland-wide launch of the New Schools Enterprise chatroom facility. Pupils at Colliston have set up their own business, a healthy options tuckshop, and the chat facility will enable them to exchange ideas and solve problems with other schools throughout Scotland.
- An S1 pupil from Carnoustie High School achieved a gold medal in all 5 events she entered in the British Blind Sport National Swimming Championships in Nottingham and was invited to go to Spain to take part in the next Championship event.
- More than 75 pupils from 17 schools across Tayside and Fife entered the Secondary School Art Competition 2002 hosted by Angus College. The first three prizes were awarded to pupils from Monifieth High School, Forfar Academy and Brechin High School respectively.
- Grange Primary School won the final of the Walker's Crisps Football Cup for School 7-a-side teams at Hampden Park on 27 April 2002
- Grange Primary School and Carlogie Primary School successfully reached the national final of the Rotary Schools Quiz.

## 6. HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no Human Rights implications arising directly from this report.

## 7. CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Standing Orders of the Council, this report has been subject to consultation with the Chief Executive, the Director of Finance and the Director of Law and Administration.

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### Background Papers

HMIE Publications:	Inspection of the Education Functions of Angus Council (April 2002)
	Inspection of Tannadice School ( December 2001)
	Inspection of Langlands Primary School (December 2001)
	Inspection of Pitkenedy School (January 2002)
	Inspection of Auchterhouse Primary School (January 2002)
	Inspection of Airlie Primary School (June 2002)