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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Anstruther Primary School and Nursery Class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The new acting headteacher and her leadership team are providing a strong foundation for improvement and change. A renewed focus on the school values is supporting the collective drive for improvement well across the school community.
- Children who are confident and eager to learn in both the school and nursery. They are supported well through trusting relationships with teachers and other adults who work with them. Children take pride and appreciate being part of the life and work of the school and nursery, including as leaders.
- The strong practitioner team in the nursery who provide high quality experiences for children which supports them well to achieve success in their learning. They have developed effective partnerships with families, partners and the community. They work well together and strive to ensure positive outcomes for all children and their families.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Fife Council.

- All staff should ensure consistently high-quality learning experiences for all children in the primary stages. Senior leaders and staff should continue to focus on improvements in learning, teaching and assessment across the curriculum to ensure improved outcomes for children.
- Across the primary stages, staff should work to improve children's attainment and achievement in reading, writing, numeracy and mathematics in order to meet national standards.
- In the primary, all staff should continue to further develop and improve approaches to wellbeing, inclusion and positive relationships across the school. This includes developing a clear understanding of high standards and expectations in behaviour and the consistent use of agreed strategies and approaches by all staff.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Anstruther Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Securing children's progress	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and review | Education Scotland](#)

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. Fife Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

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