

**PORTESSIE PRIMARY SCHOOL
– EDUCATION SCOTLAND VISIT, MARCH 2018**

Authority commentary on the inspection report

During the inspection the team of inspectors talked to parents/carers, children and staff. They met with the Head Teacher and Quality Improvement Officer at the beginning of the inspection and gathered evidence during the visit to enable them to evaluate aspects of the quality of leadership and children's achievements.

The team found the following areas of strengths in the school's work

- Children who are articulate and proud of their school. They are willing, and able, to take on responsibilities and improvements
- The focus on encouraging children to read for pleasure and the range of books that children are able to access
- Partnership working with the onsite playgroup and the positive impact this is having on children when they transition into the school
- The teamwork and commitment of the headteacher and staff and their knowledge of children's strengths

The following areas for improvement were identified by the Education Scotland team:

- There is a need to improve approaches to self-evaluation and improvement and provide further opportunities for leadership at all levels
- Improve learning and teaching to raise attainment and help children develop a better understanding of their skills
- The school community should work together to develop a shared plan to further improve the school ethos and ensure everyone feels valued and respected

The local authority will continue to monitor the school's progress with its quality processes and will report back to the Committee as appropriate.

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