

# Case study: Creative Puppetry with Languages in the Early Years

## Group 1

### **Barassie Primary & Early Years Centre**

Barassie is situated on the Ayrshire coast to the northern edge of Troon. Barassie Early Years Centre is nestled within Barassie Primary School's main school building and has two bright spacious rooms with access to the garden. The centre is registered for 40 children in the morning and 30 children in the afternoon, with most children attending five morning or afternoon sessions per week. The centre can also accommodate children attending full days. With its proximity to beach, the nursery children have the opportunity to explore and experience outdoor learning at their 'beach school' on Barassie beach.

### **Bridge of Allan Primary School**

Bridge of Allan Primary School is a non-denominational school located in the town of Bridge of Allan in Stirlingshire, two miles north of Stirling. The school serves around 346 pupils from P1 through to P7 with a further 41 children in the nursery. The original village school was built on an orchard with the current school having been built in 1965 to replace the original. Within the school, there are fourteen classrooms, an imagination station, a literacy lounge, and a nursery which has recently been extended. The school benefits from extensive school grounds including kitchen garden, trim trail, tarmac, and grassed play areas, in addition to a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) which children access for PE and during breaks.

### **Coylton Primary School & Early Years Centre**

Coylton Primary School and Early Years Centre is located in the village of Coylton, 5 miles east to the town of Ayr in South Ayrshire. This non-denominational school and Early Years Centre serves around 300 pupils in total with a capacity to house 431. Coylton EYC provides a children's day care service for children aged 2-5 and from August 2020 it has provided the full 1140 hours of early learning and childcare. In the Early Years Centre, there are 40 places available in the morning session and 32 in the afternoon session. Full day provisions are offered as placements.

### **Mattocks Primary School**

Mattocks Primary School is located in the village of Wellbank, three miles north of Dundee within the local authority of Angus. The school was built in 1875 and has been renovated

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and extended over the years, most recently in 2000. At this point two additional classrooms were added to the school building with the current nursery building going through a full refurbishment. The school roll currently sits at 98, with P1-P7 provision for 74 pupils across 3 composite classes and Early Years provision for 24 children in the Nursery class.

## **Mill O' Forest**

Located in the town of Stonehaven in Aberdeenshire, 14 miles south of Aberdeen on the north-east coast, Mill O'Forest Primary School is a non-denominational school serving pupils from nursery through to P7, living in the Stonehaven catchment area. The school has a current roll of 350 pupils.

## **Newburgh Primary School and Nursery**

Newburgh Primary School is located in the small town of Newburgh in the north-east corner of Fife. The town lies just a few hundred metres from Perth & Kinross boundary and is bounded on the north by the River Tay. There are 7 mainstream classes housed in two separate buildings. The main building accommodates P4-P7 in addition to the gym hall while the infant building houses the Nursery and P1, P2 and P3. There is also a separate dining room.

## **Ravenswood Primary School**

Located in the town of Cumbernauld in North Lanarkshire, Ravenswood Primary is a non-denominational school providing education for children from Primary 1 through to Primary 7. The school has a working capacity of 317 pupils with the roll currently sitting at 230. The class configuration is a blend of composite and non-composite classes. The school was built in 1976, and is semi-open plan located in an attractive woodland setting.

## **Royal School of Dunkeld**

Situated in the historic cathedral town of Dunkeld in Perthshire, The Royal School of Dunkeld sits within extensive grounds within Little Dunkeld, close to the River Tay. Although the school's catchment is mainly centred around Birnham and Dunkeld, the catchment zone extends beyond this to welcome pupils from villages nearby. The school was founded in 1567 and was granted a royal charter. Pupils from Nursery to P7 are housed in a traditional building equipped with modern facilities throughout. The school's accommodation consists of seven spacious and well equipped classrooms, a dining room and a large gym hall. The Nursery and Primary 1 classes are open plan to support effective transition and play

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pedagogy. In addition to the school building, the school's learning environment extends to the spacious outdoors where, apart from the school playground, a nursery play area and garden, school garden and a den-building forest area are some of the facilities to be found.

## **Shawlands Primary School**

Shawlands primary School is a non-denominational school, situated in the Shawlands area on the south side of Glasgow. The school serves pupils from P1-P7 and has a current roll of 400 with capacity for 612. Pupils are accommodated in the school's 3 level, traditional red sandstone building.

## **Tighnabruaich Primary School**

Tighnabruaich Primary School is a non-denominational school accommodating pupils from primary 1 through to primary 7 in composite classes. In addition, the school has Early Years provision, providing education for children in their pre-school year and those in their ante-pre-school year. The school is situated in the village of Tighnabruaich on the Cowal peninsula in Argyll and Bute. The older part of the school building dates from 1874 however following an extension and extensive upgrading which was completed in 1998, the school is now equipped with all the necessary facilities under one roof, including a large gym hall / dining room. The school has a working capacity for 74 children with a current roll of around 60 pupils.