

Case study: Creative Puppetry with Languages in the Early Years

Group 2

Bilston Primary School

Bilston Primary School serves the catchment of Bilston and the surrounding area, within the local authority of Midlothian. The school has been rebuilt in recent times and is now a single storey building containing eight classrooms and a nursery. There are sliding partition doors to all areas in the school which also includes a hall and expressive arts area. The playground was also rebuilt and now includes a multipurpose games area and football pitch. Bilston is part of Beeslack Associated School's Group which includes Beeslack High School, Roslin, Mauricewood and Glencorse Primary Schools. It is a co-educational, non-denominational school with a roll of approximately 80 pupils across Primary 1-7, mostly in composite classes. There is also a Nursery attached to the school providing pre-school education either on a full-time or part-time basis.

Busby Primary School

Busby Primary School and Nursery Class are located in Clarkston, a suburb on the south side of Glasgow within East Renfrewshire Council. Busby Primary School is a non-denominational, co-educational school and provides education for pupils from P1 to P7 in addition to pre-school education for children attending the nursery. At present, the school has a roll of 299 pupils with a roll of 59 in the Nursery. The main building of the school was built in 1904 and is over two levels two levels housing seven classrooms, a central hall and administration area. A purpose-built extension has been added and is linked to the main school by a corridor. Here a further six classrooms can be found, in addition to a General Purpose room and a gym/dining hall. The purpose-built Nursery was completed in 2021. There are ample playground facilities with a multi-purpose games area.

Carlogie Primary School

Carlogie Primary is a co-educational and non-denominational school located in the town of Carnoustie in Angus. There are 13 classes covering P1-7 and an Early Learning and Childcare Provision. At present, the school roll is 358 pupils.

Carmondean Primary School

Carmondean Primary is a co-educational and non-denominational school catering for pupils from Nursery to Primary 7. The school is situated in the Deans area of Livingston within the local authority of West Lothian and has the capacity to serve 415 pupils. The school is semi-

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open plan in its design with two wings, housing pupils of Primary 1-3 in one wing and the other housing pupils of Primary 4-7. There is also a music room, library IT suite and school halls for dining, PE and assemblies. It is set in its own grounds and has a grass sports field adjoining the school in addition to grassed and hard playground areas. Carmondean Primary School also has a capacity for Early Learning and Childcare where children are allocated either a morning or afternoon place or 2 full days.

Cornton Primary School

Cornton Primary is located in Stirlingshire and serves pupils from P1-P7 living within the Cornton and Westhaugh areas of Stirling. The non-denominational school was opened in 1958 and has undergone several extensions over the years with the latest taking place in 2014. There are ten modern classrooms, eight in the main building and two in the newly extended annex housing approximately 200 children in total. The school also has a multi-purpose main hall and a library situated in the school's atrium. Outdoor facilities include several playground areas, a large, grassed playing area, an all-weather astro turf space, often used for creative learning, basketball/football pitch, a shelter, climbing frame, bike shed and many planted seating areas for quiet times.

Dyke Primary School

Dyke Primary School is a non-denominational school serving the village of Dyke and the surrounding rural area with Moray local authority. The school currently has a roll of 89 children who are taught in 4 classes. The school has an interesting history with the first record of a Parish School in Dyke recorded in the diary belonging to Lord Brodie in 1653. The schoolhouse was rebuilt and reslated in 1785 and in the early 1900's Dyke Primary School was a Junior Secondary School for pupils between the age of 5-15. Dyke. The school was downgraded and modernised in the early 1960s when it became Dyke Primary School. The school building comprises of 4 classrooms, an open area, gym hall and canteen area which also houses a nurture room and community nurture garden. There is also a large grassed playing field behind the school building with climbing frames, adventure trails, woods and swings. The school grounds also contain a mud kitchen, outdoor learning area and space for quieter games.

Kilmodan Primary School

Kilmodan Primary School and Early Learning Centre is situated in the heart of Glendaruel, serving pupils living within the local communities of Glendaruel and Colintrave in Argyll and Bute. The school has a roll of 17 pupils at present. Kilmodan Primary has two classrooms,

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one hosting pupils in the ELC, P1 and P2, with the other classroom housing pupils from P3-7. In addition, there is a multi-use area which is used for lunch, PE and Expressive Arts, also containing the school library. The school also has an outdoor classroom and a newly refurbished polytunnel within its grounds. Due to its rural setting in Argyll, there are many opportunities for outdoor learning nearby with all pupils attending monthly Forest School sessions.

Maidenhill Primary School

Situated in the Maidenhill area of Newton Mearns in East Renfrewshire sits Maidenhill Primary School and Nursery Class. This purpose-built state of the art school was built in 2019, serving the Maidenhill catchment just a few miles to the south of Newton Mearns. The school roll has grown since its opening and now has classes at all stages, with two classes from Primary 1 to Primary 5 and one class at P6 and P7. The school has a working capacity for 434 children within P1-P7 and 120 children in its nursery class. The current roll is approximately 313 pupils in P1-P7 with around 80 children in the nursery class.

St John's Primary School

St John's Primary is the sole denominational school (Roman Catholic) in Ayr which is situated within South Ayrshire Council. Although situated in the Whitletts area of Ayr, the catchment extends way beyond this, welcoming P1-P7 pupils from Coylton, Mossblown, Annbank, Alloway, Doonfoot, Tarbolton and the town of Ayr. The school is on a single level and is open-plan. In July 2018 and July 2019, a refresh was carried out in the upper and infant areas of the school.

Whitecross Primary School and Nursery Class

Whitecross Primary is a small school situated in a rural community close to the historic town of Linlithgow, with Linlithgow Bridge only one mile west of the school grounds. The school serves the community of Whitecross and the surrounding rural area and is one mile west of Linlithgow Bridge and approximately six miles from Falkirk. Whitecross Primary school is situated within the Falkirk Council boundary and provides an education service for pupils from nursery through to P7. The school is non-denominational and has a current roll of 64 with 24 full-time nursery places. Pupils from P1-P7 are taught in composite classes.