Bonaly Primary gets the thumbs up from inspectors

The Primary School and nursery class at Bonaly were subjected to a recent inspection by Education Scotland who have given them a glowing report.

The inspection report says that they could do better in a couple of areas, but in the main the report issued this afternoon is wholly positive.

Key strengths of the school

- The highly motivated children who participate enthusiastically in a wide range of learning activities and articulate their views confidently. Children who are proud of their achievements, interact skilfully with each other and demonstrate empathy towards one another.
- The high value placed by the headteacher on collaboration with children, parents, staff and wider partners. The involvement of parents as partners in the school and nursery, resulting in enhanced learning experiences for children.
- The willingness of staff in taking forward the school improvement agenda together as a team.
- High levels of attainment across the school in literacy and numeracy and personalised support for pupils requiring additional support in learning.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from The City of Edinburgh Council:

- Continue to improve approaches to the school's selfevaluation and ensure the nursery is well supported in taking forward its areas for improvement.
- Take forward the school's plans to improve the

curriculum, streamline planning and assessment and ensure appropriate challenge for all children is achieved through consistently high quality learning and teaching across the school.

The school must now complete an action plan to address these last two observations and a further visit will be carried out within a year alongside a representative from the council.