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The small school making a
BIG difference!



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Dear Parents/Carers

Ofsted Monitoring Visit

It is with great pleasure that I attach the letter from HMI Ian Hancock detailing his findings from a recent monitoring visit to school. As you are aware, 40% of schools judged 'satisfactory' by Ofsted receive a monitoring visit to determine their progress in addressing the key issues identified in their original inspection. We received our monitoring visit from Mr Hancock on 29th June 2011. He spent the day in school talking to children, staff, governors and officers from the Local Authority.

Mr Hancock's letter recognises the improvements the school has made in many of its key areas. He draws our attention to the fact that pupils' attainment in English has risen since the last inspection, largely due to improvements in writing that resulted in pupils making good progress. He has further determined that progress has been supported by the school's well focused plans for development, improvements in the quality of marking, together with trips and visits providing opportunities to write for different purposes.

Following his observations of lessons and pupils' learning, Mr Hancock confirmed the school's view that the quality of teaching has improved since the last Ofsted inspection. He also acknowledges that the school has rightly prioritised Mathematics as an area for improvement this year. When looking at pupils' books and assessment information he found that the school had maintained the improvement in writing and has begun to raise standards in Mathematics. We are particularly proud of the recognition given to standards in Mathematics in Year 2.

Mr Hancock commented positively on the way in which the school's governing body is working as this has led to increased accountability, a greater level of challenge and a stronger contribution to self-evaluation.

I hope you will join us in celebrating such a positive outcome to our monitoring visit. The staff and members of our school community have worked very hard to ensure Dundry C of E Primary School really is 'the small school making a *big* difference'.

Yours sincerely

R Price

Headteacher

