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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Caledonia Primary School and early years class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Staff across the school and the early years class foster positive and mutually respectful relationships with children. They demonstrate high levels of care and compassion through their daily interactions. Staff ensure children get the support they need to thrive in their learning and wellbeing.
- The headteacher provides strong and effective leadership of learning, teaching and assessment. This supports teachers to agree shared expectations of high quality learning and teaching within the school. They take part in helpful professional learning and work with staff from other schools to improve their practice.
- Staff demonstrate a sustained and purposeful focus on ensuring all children are supported to achieve and attain successfully. They measure the progress of children effectively and use this information to plan additional support when required. These approaches result in high levels of attainment by children over time.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from North Ayrshire Council.

- Teachers should continue to ensure children experience high quality learning, teaching and assessment consistently across the school. Building on positive work, they should develop further an increase in pace and challenge to learning experienced by all children.
- Senior leaders and staff in the early years class should develop further their approaches to measuring the progress of children in learning over time.

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We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using two quality indicators from How good is our school (4th edition). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are HMIE's evaluations for Caledonia Primary School and Early Years Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Raising attainment and achievement	**very good**
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school (4th edition) Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the ELC's work using two quality indicators from the Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors.

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Children's Progress	**good**

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at:
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What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. North Ayrshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

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HM Inspector

On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland

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