



Brunstane Primary School

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Chris McMillan, Head Teacher

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting day we have just had!

We were extremely fortunate to have a visit from the First Minister today who came to our school to talk to us about our school improvement journey.

Brunstane was chosen after taking part in a government sampling exercise looking at effective use of Pupil Equity Funding. We are delighted that of all the 129 schools involved in the exercise, the First Minister and his Team decided to come to Brunstane.

Mr Swinney met staff to find out more about how we have used Pupil Equity Funding to raise attainment and improve our school and visited some of our classes before coming to assembly and taking questions from our pupils.

We were delighted to receive extremely positive feedback from the First Minister and Education Scotland colleagues, which picked up on the fantastic work of the teaching and support staff teams.

Mr Swinney shared his thoughts on our school improvement journey with the TV Cameras who were also in attendance and we are very hopeful that you may be able to hear some of his thoughts on the BBC Scotland and STV News tonight.

I would like to thank all of our wonderful Brunstane team and all of the CEC Colleagues who worked extremely hard to prepare for this visit – and to all of our amazing pupils who were an absolute credit to the school and to the community.

We hope to have pictures and video that we will be able to share with you very soon.

Have a great evening.

Yours sincerely

Chris McMillan
Head Teacher