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Primary test results show continued improvement

Commenting on the primary school test results published today (Thursday 2 December), Steve Sinnott, General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said:

“Crude scores have to be treated with caution. One thing is clear even from this narrow information is that primary education is a success story.

“It was always inevitable that the plateau we saw last year would be reached but the criticism of primary teachers showed no understanding of the complexity of teaching in primary schools.

“The continuing improvement in the proportion of young people gaining the expected level 4 in English and maths is testimony to the hard work of those teachers and their pupils.

“The proportion of children gaining the higher level 5 in science shows what a continuing success story science is for primary schools.

“This is no time for equivocation, let’s celebrate the work of our primary teachers and pupils.”

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