



Blaenavon Heritage Voluntary Controlled Primary School



Head Teacher's Annual Report to Parents (2016/17)

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GOVERNORS - WHO'S WHO?

NAME	GOVERNOR TYPE	START DATE	END DATE
Councillor Sylvia Lewis	Community Governor	6/12/2012	6/10/2016
Mrs Ann Morgan	Community Governor	6/1/2015	5/1/2019
Rev Rufus Noy	Ex Officio Governor	4/2/2015	9/4/2018
Mrs Stephanie Swaddling	Foundation Governor	12/6/2015	6/4/2017
Mrs Dawne Llewellyn	Foundation Governor	12/6/2015	11/6/2019
Mrs Deb Woodward	Headteacher	1/11/2011	
Councillor Alun Furzer	Local Authority Governor	5/7/2016	7/12/2017
Councillor Gareth Davies	Local Authority Governor	1/9/2014	31/8/2018
Councillor Alan Jones	Local Authority Governor	22/4/2016	21/4/2020
Mrs Sian Weeks	Parent Governor	1/11/2015	31/10/2019
Mrs Michelle Jones	Parent Governor	22/6/2016	21/6/2019
Mrs Bethan Wright	Parent Governor	1/11/2015	31/10/2019
Mrs Nicola Marshall	Parent Governor	24/1/2014	23/1/2018
Mrs Marie Lias	Staff Governor	16/11/2015	15/11/2019
Mr Adam Corner	Teacher Governor	1/11/2015	31/10/2019

Clerk to the Governors: Mr Chris James, Education Achievement Service.

Telephone: 01443 864713.

Chair of Governors: Councillor Gareth Davies, c/o the school.

Parent Governor Elections will take place every 4 years. The next election will take place in February 2018, or when there is a vacancy, whichever comes first.

In addition to this report, our School Prospectus is in the process of being updated and our School Calendar is regularly updated and provided with newsletters to parents - a copy of which is also available on the website and in the office, for parents who have not already received one.

No meeting was held under Section 94 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.

TRANSITION

As usual, the majority of our pupils have chosen to apply for Abersychan Comprehensive School. Of our July 2017 cohort, the following applied for transition to Abersychan x 57, St Albans x 9, West Mon x 5, King Henry VIII x 1.

We have strong links with Abersychan to ensure your child's transition is as smooth as possible. We do this in a number of ways:

- Secondary staff visit to deliver a range of subjects, including English, Maths, Science and Welsh;
- Taster days are held for pupils moving to secondary school;
- Pupils attend open evenings, which have included children in Years 5 & 6;
- Good communication when records are passed on to secondary school;
- Joint agreement of standards in children's work;
- Specific transition projects for vulnerable children.

SESSION TIMES

Class	Start Time	Break Time		Lunch Time		End Time
RECEPTION Blue & Green	9.05 am	10.00 am	10.15 am	11.30 am	12.15 pm	3.10 pm
YEAR 1 Pink & Purple	9.05 am	10.15 am	10.30 am	11.45 am	12.30 pm	3.10 pm
YEAR 2 Orange & Yellow	9.05 am	10.15 am	10.30 am	11.45 am	12.30 pm	3.10 pm
YEAR 3 Coity 1 & 2	9.05 am	10.15 am	10.30 am	11.45 pm	12.30 pm	3.10 pm
YEAR 4 Keepers & Garn	9.05 am	10.45 am	11.00 am	12.15 pm	1.00 pm	3.10 pm
YEAR 5 Ty Godwith & Gauts Gate	9.05 am	10.45 am	11.00 am	12.30 pm	1.15 pm	3.10 pm
YEAR 6 Blorenge 1 & 2	9.05 am	10.45 am	11.00 am	12.30 pm	1.15 pm	3.10 pm

NURSERY

Morning Session	9.00 am	11.25 am
Afternoon Session	12.25 pm	2.55 pm

COMMUNITY LINKS

Families First

As you may be aware, our links with Families First mean that we can refer children and families in a supportive way, to remove barriers to learning. If you feel you need support, please contact school and we will be happy to refer to this service.

Extra Curricular Activities

We encourage our pupils to participate in a number of community events, including:

- Harvest Service at St Peter's Church
- School Choir performing at a Sight Cymru event in Pontypool
- Visits to residents at Arthur Jenkins' Home
- Blessing of the Crib
- Christmas Wrapped Up at St Paul 's Church
- Blaenavon Christmas Cracker
- Christingle Service at St Paul's Church
- Eisteddfod at Pontypool Active Living Centre
- World Heritage Day

In addition, we are fortunate to benefit from the services of Mr Kevin Driscoll who comes into school every Monday deliver pottery sessions with Year 6 pupils.

If you have a particular skill and time to offer to school, we would be very happy to hear from you.

Police Liaison

We have good community links with the police liaison officer, PC Murphy, who regularly runs educational sessions throughout the school. In addition, PC Murphy is available to help and advise children, parents and the school when needed.

Local Area

We try to use the local area as a resource, as much as possible, and have visited:

- Garn Lakes
- Local shops
- Big Pit
- The local park
- Heritage centre
- St Paul's church
- St Peter's church
- The rugby pitch and bowling green which are used for sports week activities.

Father Rufus Noy is a school governor and has strong links with the school, leading school assemblies and celebrations at key events within the church calendar.

We are also grateful for the support of parents and other helpers who have assisted on the following trips and visits:

- Reception Trip to Greenmeadow Farm;
- Year 1 Trip to Noah's Ark, Bristol;
- Year 2 Trip to Eden Centre;
- Year 2 Trip to James and the Giant Peach, Swansea;
- Year 3 Trip to Techniquest.

PUPILS WITH DISABILITIES

Children with disabilities are welcomed into the school and wherever possible or practical, provision will be made to accommodate these children.

At BLAEANVON HERITAGE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL, doors and corridors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchair access.

Disabled children are given support in order to access all aspects of the curriculum. Thought is given to disabled children when considering all new projects.

SPORTS

Sports are high on our agenda and we offer a number of sports activities after school, including Netball, Football, Rugby and Dance - check last year's ASC list.

We have taken part in a number of sporting activities throughout the year, including:

Torfaen Cricket Festival;

Torfaen Rugby Festival;

Torfaen Netball Festival;

New Directions' Cardiff City Football Tournament

Year 5 attend weekly swimming lessons at Pontypool Active Living Centre.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (AEN) LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN (LAC)

We try to identify children with Additional Educational Needs as soon as they enter the school in the Nursery. Good communication between Nursery and pre-school facilities in Busy Bees mean that often we gain information about children before they start with us. This process gives the child the best start to school life as we are able to meet individual needs as soon as possible.

Close working with outside agencies, including the Educational Psychologist, increase the support we can offer to children as they move through the school. In general, each class has some support for the children in their class. This support is directly proportional to the level of need of the children in each particular class. Progress of AEN/ LAC children is measured through our usual testing and assessment arrangements as well as a review of their specific targets on a termly basis.

AEN children are given specific and measurable targets which are worked on regularly in class as much as possible and sometimes through withdrawal groups. Some children receive support from peripatetic teachers and some children are allocated a teaching assistant to work with them.

LAC children are given extra support where appropriate and grant funding is used to meet their needs through resources and support.

POLICY REVIEW

The following policies have been reviewed and adopted by the Governing Body during 2016/17:

Safeguarding Policy;
Revised Capability Procedures;
Safe Recruitment Policy;
DBS Checks Policy;
Code of Conduct for School Based Staff.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Our priorities for school improvement in 2016/17 were:

ENGLISH

Targets for improvement:

- Continue to improve standards of literacy across the school, with most pupils meeting their expected targets for literacy;
- To improve standards of teaching and learning in literacy through ICT;
- To develop competency in the DCF in order to improve standards in the teaching and learning of literacy, using above targets.

MATHS

- To improve standards in Mathematics across the school.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To continue to work with the PLC on developing ways to promote distinctive Christian values within the Church of Wales setting;

- To increase the children's role in delivering collective worship;
- To deliver and evaluate the new R.E. scheme of work to ensure there is clear progression across the school and where appropriate links to the LNF and collective worship with rich learning opportunities. To provide opportunities for children to learn about other faiths;
- To ensure 90% of pupils made progress across and within year groups in R.E and ensure pupils have opportunities to develop peer and self-assessment.

ASSESSMENT

- To improve accuracy in teacher assessment
- To improve the quality of marking and feedback

MORE ABLE & TALENTED

- To improve the quality of provision for MAT pupils across the school, thus bringing about improved learner outcomes by:
 - Ensuring all identified MAT pupils make at least 2 sub levels progress at KS 2 and at least 3 sub levels progress across FP;
 - Ensure performance of O6 pupils at EO FP and L5 EOKS pupils in core subjects are on a par with or above the higher median position (Q2 or higher) .

PIONEER SCHOOLS

Targets for improvement:

- To develop improved partnerships with pioneer and non-pioneer schools to help prepare for the implementation of Successful Futures;
- To develop a professional development pathway/ increased understanding to support the profession in delivery of a new curriculum;
- To work across pioneering schools to develop innovative practice to raise standards;
- To innovate, plan and evaluate all curriculum and professional learning developments.

This year, professional development for the staff has been in line with our school priorities. We have made good progress with all our priorities for development and standards continue to improve as a result.

WELSH LANGUAGE

Blaenavon Heritage VC Primary School is an English medium school and as a result the main language used is English. However, we are proud of our Welsh heritage and try to ensure that children are given the opportunity to learn Welsh in weekly lessons appropriate to their age and ability. In addition, pupils are encouraged to use their Welsh in other lessons and around the school. We celebrate the Welsh culture as much as possible through the curriculum, additional activities, trips and visits.

SCHOOL BUILDING

Blaenavon Heritage VC Primary School is a new build and we are fortunate to have good facilities, both internally and externally. The building and its surroundings, including toilet facilities, are in good repair.

There are a few ongoing issues, with leaks in the staffroom, but these are being addressed. The inside of the school, including the toilets, are cleaned daily to ensure that the school environment is safe and hygienic for the children.

HEALTHY EATING

We encourage healthy eating and drinking through our Breakfast Club, fruit snack time, salad bar at lunchtime and packed lunch policy. Water is available on every floor. The children are taught about healthy eating and drinking in Science/Personal Social Wellbeing and Cultural Development (PSWCD).

RATES OF AUTHORISED AND UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

The Welsh Assembly Government has set a target of 95% attendance for all children in primary schools. We have reviewed our procedures as a result and continue to work hard to try and continue to improve our attendance.

	Attendance	% days missed - unauthorised	% days missed - authorised
2016/17	93.1	0.8	6.1
Target for 2017/18	94.5	0.8	4.7

Number of children at the school = 440; including nursery = 80

BLAENAVON HERITAGE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
School Funding	£1,869,522	Employees	£1,485,608.04
Government Grants	£60,739	Premises	£203,645.29
Other Funding & Contributions	£13,070	Transport	£4,365.03
Customer & Client Receipts	£93,414.88	Supplies & Services	£123,742.11
		Third Party Payments	£5,358.50
		Support Services	£50,813.60
		Other Budgets	£135,139.68
TOTAL	£2,036,745.88	TOTAL	£2,008,672.25
Fund Balances & Reserves	£36,054.91		

BLAENAVON HERITAGE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPIL DEPRIVATION GRANT 2016/17

It is a Welsh Government requirement that the school make you aware of the way in which we use our Pupil Deprivation Grant. This is a grant that is targeted at supporting pupils who are eligible for free school meals (this being used as a measure of deprivation).

This school currently has a school roll, excluding the Nursery, of 553 pupils of which 99 are eligible for free school meals. This equates to 17.9% of the school population. The number of pupils eligible for free school meals has been slowly decreasing over the past few years.

The school currently undertakes the following activities in order to support pupils facing the challenges of poverty and deprivation:

- Support programmes to help pupils with their oracy, reading and writing development
- Support programmes to help pupils with their numeracy development

The school's PDG Plan is regularly scrutinised by the Governing Body, supported by advice from the EAS and monitored by the Local Authority.

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ACTING HEADTEACHER
April 2018