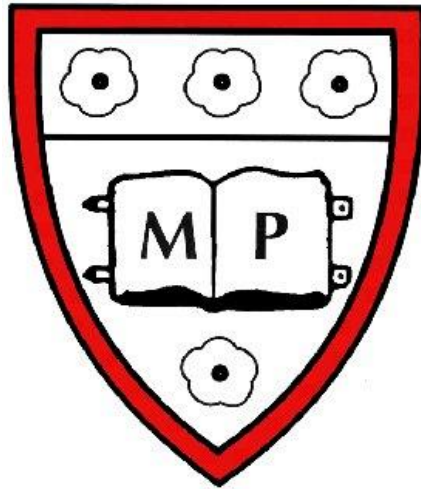


Malpas Park Primary School



"Making a difference together"

***Annual Report of the Governing
Body to Parents***

A Parents' Summary

Academic Year 2013 - 2014

At Malpas Park Primary School our purpose is to provide a secure, supportive and inspirational environment where every individual is valued and enabled to achieve their full potential. A care and respect for the community and their wider environment is instilled along with the development of flexible and transferable skills for life-long learning. At our school we make a difference together."

23rd February 2015

Dear Parents,

Another year has passed and the Governing Body continues to work closely with the school to ensure that it is a happy and safe place for your children to learn. Above all things, governors value the stability and calmness of the learning environment, but inevitably many things contribute to potentially unsettle that peace. Not least is the continued financial pressure on the school and the challenges faced by the Head Teacher, staff and the Governing Body as a result of reduced budgets.

Once again this year the performance of pupils at the school at the end of the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 has proved very high with pupils meeting or exceeding their expected targets. We as a Governing Body are most aware that this is due to the excellent learning and teaching provided by the very strong team of teaching practitioners and support staff at the school on a daily basis. Pupils' needs are met individually and their progress towards targets is tightly tracked starting with their well-being. Times and society are always changing and Mrs Guest reports that at school, 'We cannot expect children to learn unless their well-being at the start of each day is the very best it can be. We make it our duty to ensure that this is the case and are working increasingly closely with our families and outside agencies to support their needs'.

We entered the year preparing for inspection by Estyn as part of the pre-determined cycle of monitoring by Welsh Government. The Governing Body, in full knowledge of the work that goes on at school supported the school in a very challenging but very successful inspection and are working with the school to implement suggestions for improvement raised by the inspection team.

This year we are working towards a very new challenge which we have been fighting for over many years and have finally been approved to open a Nursery at Malpas Park. These are exciting times for the staff and governors and we appreciate that the imminent building work will cause some upheaval and challenges for the school. However, we have every faith that these phases will be extremely well managed by the Head Teacher and other members of staff to ensure disruption be kept to a minimum and provision continues to a high standard. The end result will of course be well worth it and prove to be an asset to the school.

*With the Welsh Government introduction of the highly publicised Fixed Penalty Notice Policy we as a Governing Body feel that it would be appropriate to share with parents and carers the relevant information in a clear and timely manner. We are acutely aware of concerns that parents and carers have with conflicting information being publicised in the press, so we have produced an information factsheet which is attached to this report. We are also holding a meeting for all parents and carers on **Thursday 12th March at 17:00** to clarify any issues and answer any questions relating to Fixed Penalty Notices and encourage parents and carers to attend.*

Yours sincerely,



Denis Mills - Chairperson of the Governing Body

The full Governing Body met on six occasions throughout the academic year. Governors discussed and made a variety of decisions regarding staffing, premises and budgetary matters. The minutes of all governors' meetings are available on request from the Governor's Support section at the Educational Achievement Service. In addition to these formal meetings Governors have visited school to enjoy concerts, assemblies, sporting and fund-raising events.

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GOVERNOR INFORMATION – ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

As and when a vacancy arises on the Governing Body for a Parent Representative, the school will notify all parents or guardians who have children at the school and the correct procedure for election will follow. There are no vacancies at the present time.

PARENTS' MEETING

The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 now enables parents of registered pupils at the school to request up to three meetings per year with the Governing Body via a petition.

*The Governing Body must hold a meeting within **twenty-five** school days of receiving the petition, providing that:*

1. The petition contains the signatures of the required minimum number of parents of registered pupils at the school, **thirty pupils or 10% of the number of pupils on roll**, whichever is the smaller number.
2. The meeting requested by parents must be to discuss a matter relating to the school.
3. There will be no more than three meetings held during the year in which the first petition is received.
4. There are sufficient school days left in the school year for the meeting to be held.

However, the school operates an open door policy and parents are encouraged to approach the school at the earliest opportunity to discuss any concerns.

ATTENDANCE

For the 2013 – 2014 academic year attendance was **95.3%**. There were **4.2%** Authorised Absences and **0.5%** Unauthorised Absences.

11-12	12-13	13-14
94.4%	93.8%	95.3%

The Head Teacher works closely with some of our families and we are continually working alongside the Education Welfare Officer, to improve attendance figures and reduce the number of absences due to pupils taking holidays during term time and for individual pupils who are regularly absent or late to school.

We have set attendance targets for the next 3 years.

14-15	15-16	16-17
94.2%	94.4%	94.6%

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT 2013-2014

At Malpas Park Primary School, we are very proud of the quality of learning and the achievement of our pupils in every year group. The year 2013-14 has been successful for pupils including those at the end of Year 2 and Year 6 who completed their teacher assessments and National Testing. Below is a summary of pupil results at the end of the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 compare with the results of Newport and Wales.

Foundation Phase

Pupils achieve the Foundation Phase Outcome Indicator by attaining Outcome 5 or above in Language, literacy and communication, Mathematical Development and Personal and Social Development (Teacher Assessment).

The cohort of children was made up of **27 pupils**, 15 boys and 12 girls with **29.6% of pupils identified as having additional needs**.

Percentage of pupils achieving Outcome 5+ (Expected level)

	<u>SCHOOL DATA</u>						<u>COMPARATIVE DATA</u>					
	2014			2013			NEWPORT 2014			WALES 2014		
	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS
<i>Language, Literacy and Communication</i>	88.9	80.0	100.00	100.0	100.0	100.0	89.4	85.2	93.7	86.6	82.6	90.9
<i>Mathematical Development</i>	92.6	86.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	90.0	87.4	92.7	88.7	86.3	91.2
<i>Personal and Social Wellbeing and Cultural Diversity</i>	96.3	93.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.6	90.4	96.8	94.2	91.6	96.9
<i>Foundation Phase Indicator</i>	88.9	80.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	87.0	82.6	91.5	85.2	81.0	89.5

Percentage of pupils achieving Outcome 6 (Higher level)

	<u>SCHOOL DATA</u>						<u>COMPARATIVE DATA</u>					
	2014			2013			NEWPORT 2014			WALES 2014		
	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS
<i>Language, Literacy and Communication</i>	33.3	33.3	33.3	54.2	50.0	60.0	35.0	29.1	41.1	32.2	26.3	38.4
<i>Mathematical Development</i>	37.0	40.0	33.3	41.7	35.7	50.0	32.3	32.9	31.7	30.3	30.7	29.8
<i>Personal and Social Wellbeing and Cultural Diversity</i>	66.7	53.3	83.3	75.0	71.4	80.0	52.0	43.6	60.8	51.5	42.6	60.7
<i>Foundation Phase Indicator</i>	29.6	26.7	33.3	41.7	35.7	50.0	25.5	24.0	26.9			

Key Stage 2

Pupils achieve the CSI by attaining a level 4 or above in each of English/Welsh First Language, Mathematics and Science (Teacher Assessment).

The cohort of children was made up of **19 pupils**, 10 boys and 9 girls with **31.2% of pupils identified as having additional needs**.

Percentage of pupils achieving L4+ (Expected level)

	<u>SCHOOL DATA</u>						<u>COMPARATIVE DATA</u>					
	2014			2013			NEWPORT 2014			WALES 2014		
	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS
WELSH SECOND LANGUAGE	78.9	70.0	88.9	86.7	92.9	81.3	73.4	68.8	78.3	73.1	67.4	79.2
ENGLISH	84.2	70.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	89.6	86.5	92.9	88.4	85.0	92.0
MATHEMATICS	78.9	70.0	88.9	93.3	100.0	87.5	88.8	88.0	89.5	88.9	87.1	90.9
SCIENCE	89.5	80.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.2	91.1	93.4	90.3	88.3	92.5
CSI	78.9	70.0	88.9	93.3	100.0	87.5	86.2	83.8	88.7	86.1	83.1	89.4

Percentage of pupils achieving L5 (Higher level)

	<u>SCHOOL DATA</u>						<u>COMPARATIVE DATA</u>					
	2014			2013			NEWPORT 2014			WALES 2014		
	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS	PUPILS	BOYS	GIRLS
WELSH SECOND LANGUAGE	10.5	10.0	11.1	23.3	28.6	18.8	27.7	23.1	32.5	16.5	13.0	20.3
ENGLISH	26.3	30.0	22.1	46.7	57.1	37.5	45.7	41.4	50.1	38.0	32.3	44.0
MATHEMATICS	26.3	40.0	11.1	46.7	71.4	25.0	45.8	45.6	46.1	38.0	38.1	37.9
SCIENCE	31.6	50.0	11.1	63.3	85.7	43.8	49.3	47.4	51.3	38.4	37.0	40.0

Analysis of School Targets 2013-14

	Percentage pupils attaining Outcome 5+	
	Target	Result
Language Literacy and Communication	85	88.9
Mathematical Development	88	92.6
Personal, Social, Wellbeing and Cultural Diversity	96	96.3
	Percentage pupils attaining Level 4+	
	Target	Result
English	84	84.2
Mathematics	79	79
Science	89	89
Welsh	58	78.9

The table shows therefore that **all** pupils in Years 2 and 6 attained at least the Minimum Performance Target Level and in many cases, their Challenge Target Level. This is commendable and due to the hard-work and dedication of the teachers and pupils alike and the close alignment between pupil estimations and results demonstrates that the staff know the pupils capabilities well and provide challenge.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Please note that this is not a list of everything that has happened during the year, it is simply a snapshot of some of the memorable events and experiences:

Autumn Term 2013

School's Council Elections

Swimming Course

Open day for pre-school children in the community.

National Film Week

Harvest Festival

Parents' Consultation Evenings

Anti-bullying Week

Police Liaison Visits to Classrooms

Visit from Malpas Library

Open Morning for Parents

Children in Need Day

Christmas Productions

Community Carol Service

PSA Christmas Fayre

Whole School Visit to the Riverfront Theatre to see the pantomime "Beauty and the Beast".

Christmas Parties

Whole School Carol Service

Spring Term 2014

House Captain Elections

Police Liaison Visits to Classrooms

Newport Schools Dance Festival at The Dolman Theatre

PSA Valentine's Disco

"Welsh Week"

Eisteddfod – Chairing of the Bard

Year 6 residential visit to Hilston Park

Parental Consultation Evenings

Easter Services

Summer Term 2014

Safe Cycling Course

Year 4 visit to Cardiff Bay – Places of Worship

Police Liaison Visits to Classrooms

New Intake Parents' Meeting

Sex and Relationships Education in Year 6 – meeting for parents of children in Year 6

Newport High School Cluster Schools Swimming Gala

Newport Schools Multi-skills Festival – Years 3 and 4

Health and Fitness Week

Cricket Tournament at Newport Cricket Club

Years 3 and 4 visit to Legoland

Years 5 and 6 visit to West Midlands Safari Park

Welsh Dancing in Newport

New Intake Visits

Reception Class Visit to Weston-Super-Mare

Years 1 and 2 visit to Techniquist

Creative and Hip Hop Dance Afternoon

Musical Afternoon Tea

Secondary Transition Meetings

'Everyone Moves Up' – Transition day

Sports Day

PSA Summer Fayre

End of Year Assemblies

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

A wide range of extra-curricular activities have been offered to children throughout the year; Netball, Football, Recorders, Athletics, Cricket, Gymnastics, Creative Dance, Hip Hop Dance, Art, ICT, Homework, Orchestra and Choir.

SCHOOL/PARENT HANDBOOK

The School/Parent Handbook was reviewed in the Spring Term in preparation for the New Intake meetings and is available on the school website or on request from the school office.

LINKS WITH THE COMMUNITY

A regular newsletter is sent out and is available on the school website, providing information about the school. School has an emailing system to inform parents of major events and as a vehicle to share the school newsletter. We are in the early stages of making use of Twitter to provide brief snippets of information, quick messages and to facilitate the sharing of photographs regarding daily learning as well as special events.

Parent Consultation Evenings and Open Mornings have taken place throughout the school year providing an opportunity to discuss the work and progress of the children as well as for our parents to experience learning. These were very well attended as always.

PC Lisa Mulchay-Jones, our School liaison officer has again provided valuable support to the school and has visited all classes during the year.

The Fire Service visited Year 2 and Year 5.

John Jackson, our Road Safety Officer assisted the organisation of the Safe Cycling Course for the Year 6 pupils and "Mrs Tufty" another Road Safety Officer, visited the Foundation Phase for awareness raising sessions.

Each week, the children in Year 2 have been working in small groups with Mrs Levy, another of the Local Authority's Road Safety Officers and volunteers, including parents, to experience learning how to cross the road safely and with a good understanding of traffic conditions around them.

Further successful Open Days were organised for both parents and prospective early years children in the locality. All members of staff contributed throughout the year, and these were again exceptionally well attended by parents and relatives.

The school staff continued to liaise regularly with Newport High School, Croesyceiliog School, St Joseph's High School, Caerleon Comprehensive and our Cluster Primary Schools.

Pupils from Year 5 attended a couple of transition days at Newport High School and had the opportunity to meet some teachers and experience some lessons, this was organised by Mr Goodbody and the member of staff responsible for transition at Newport High.

All children in Year 6 made preparatory visits to their chosen secondary school during the Summer Term in preparation for their transition in September.

Transition links with our feeder nursery schools are already well developed. The children from Malpas Court and Kimberley nurseries once again attended our Infant Christmas Concert, and the children from Reception class visited Malpas Court Nursery for their Christmas Concert. Mrs Waters visited Malpas Court and Kimberly Nurseries to discuss and prepare the children due to start school in September. The Infant children produced a Welcome Concert for the September Intake Children. This followed a preparatory talk to the parents organised by Mrs Waters, Mrs Francis and Miss Sergent, and the opportunity for the children to visit on a number of occasions prior to them starting school in September.

The school actively promotes links with various religious groups. Visitors have included Mr Vernon Jones from Malpas Road Church and Mrs C Thomas from Bethesda.

The Parent Staff Association remain a small but highly committed team and organised a Christmas Fayre for the end of November, a Summer Fayre in June and have also organised a number of school discos which have proved very successful.

*Copies of this report in full are available upon request via the school office - '**Governing Body Annual Report to Parents 2013 – 2014**'.*