

Governors' Annual Report to Parents

MAENDY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents

This is the school's Annual Report to Parents for the academic year 2017-18. All schools in Wales are required to share the information enclosed within this report with parents. If there is any aspect of the report that you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact a school governor or the Headteacher. Should parents wish to meet with members of the Governing Body to discuss any school matters, a meeting will be organised at your request.

Best Wishes

Maendy Governors



Chair of Governors Report - Mrs R Elston

I am delighted to present the 2017-2018 annual report for Maendy Primary School. As a school our purpose is to ensure that all pupils are encouraged to be ambitious, capable learners who enjoy and celebrate success. We aim to do this by developing a caring community throughout the school, with a sense of collective responsibility; staff, pupils, parents, governors and the local community, all working together with a common goal and a commitment to learning. This is encapsulated in our school motto 'Partnership, Nurture, Inspire'

High academic standards are undoubtedly a key priority for us as a school, and as a governing body we work closely with Mrs Cresswell and all the staff to ensure that this is achieved. New strategies for teaching have been implemented, as Governors we were recently given a lesson in Singapore maths which we all found extremely interesting - this is a technique now being used by many children within the school.

We didn't quite achieve the Welsh Government target for attendance, but we were very close. How fantastic would it be to achieve this for the coming academic year? By working together I am sure this can be easily achieved! If you have any ideas/thought on this I would love to hear from you 😊

There have been numerous achievements throughout this academic year and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those who have had successes, whether this has been in sport, music, art and of course academic or any other extra-curricular activity.

As we recognise the schools achievements, (some of which are detailed in this report) it is the commitment and passion of Mrs Cresswell and the entire school staff (both teaching and non-teaching) that continues to make Maendy Primary such a special and successful school.

I would like to thank The Friends of Maendy, who continue to support the school both socially and financially - this year they contributed £2,225 towards the outdoor play equipment as well as organising events and running the shop to support the reward system at school. We greatly appreciate their hard work and commitment to the school.

Thanks, also, to my Governor colleagues, who freely give their time to ensure that the best decisions are made for securing the success of the school.

My thanks must also go to all of you, our parents and carers for the part that you play in your child's education. The strong partnership between home and school is vital in Maendy Primary School's success.

Finally a big shout out to the most important people in our school, the pupils themselves. You are ambassadors for the school and continue to make us proud everyday.....Keep up the excellent work!

The Governing Body 2018-19

After a successful 2017-18, Mrs R Elston will continue in her role as Chair for 2018-19, and Cllr Jessica Powell has been re-elected as Vice Chair. All governors continue to sit on designated committees and receive training for their roles, as well as attending termly governors' meetings. The Finance Committee meets every term to oversee the school's budget and spending; all decisions made about spending are approved by the Governors, and they ensure that spending is maintained within the funding allocated by the LA. (See annual statement). The total amounts paid for travel & subsistence to Governors for 2017/18 is nil.

School Prospectus and Policies

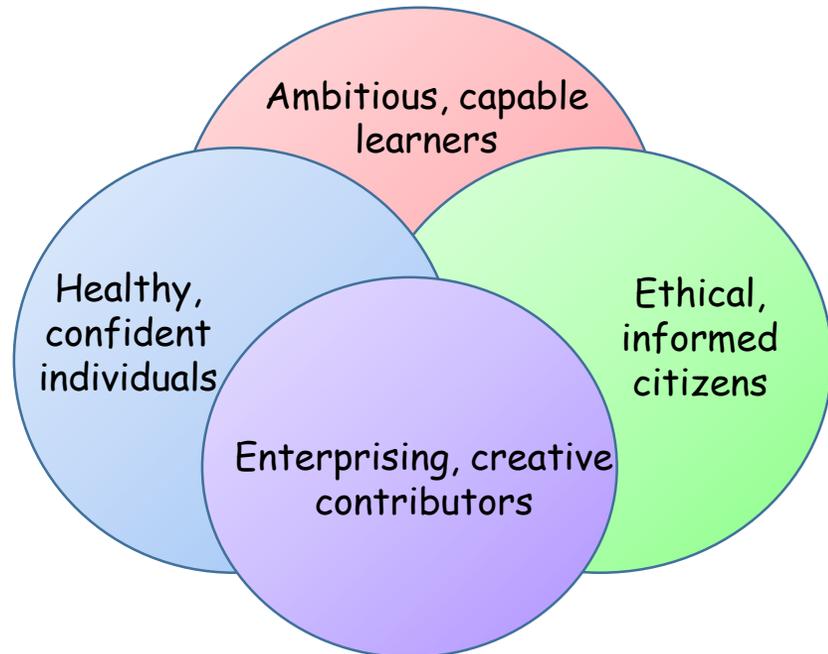
The School Prospectus is updated annually to reflect school's practice, copies are available at the school's office & website. All curriculum & non curriculum policies are revised and presented to Governors annually. Many school policies are available on the school's website, but hard copies are available at school - <http://www.maendyprimary.co.uk> During 2017 /18 the Governing Body approved the following new policies: Health and Safety Policy, Wellbeing Policy, Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, Pay Policy, Driver Policy and Guidance, Support Staff and Probationary Period Policy, Safe Recruitment and Selection Policy and Behaviour Policy.

Name	Governor Status	Appointed By	Office Ends
Mrs R Elston	Parent (Chair)	Governors	14.11.20
Cllr J Powell	LA (Vice Chair)	Executive Member for Education	6.9.19
Mrs J Cresswell	Headteacher	Governors	Ongoing
Mrs S Thomas	Teacher Governor	Teachers	5.5.20
Mrs S Rosser	Staff	Support/Ancillary Staff	5.1.20
Canon H Thomas	Community	Governors	12.11.20
Mrs A Webb	Community	Governors	20.11.19
Cllr A Bird	Minority Authority Representative	Community Council	25.7.21
Mrs H Warren	Parent	Parents	29.9.19
Cllr S Ashley	LA	Executive Member for Education	20.9.20
Mrs S Scriven	Parent	Parents	9.11.20
Mrs H Dowey	Community	Governors	26.9.21
Miss K Smith	Parent	Parents	12.12.21
Vacancy	LA	Executive Member for Education	
Vacancy	Parent	Parents	

Pupil Achievement 2017-18

We are very proud of all our pupils and recognise their commitment and hard work. Every year we hold an Achievement Evening to celebrate the success and wide range of talents of our pupils. Last year certificates and prizes were awarded to:

Sports Boy - Dylan Mayo	Sports Girl - Madison Bridgeman
Talented Story Writer - Jennifer Younger	Artist - Kasey-Mae Jones
Mathematician - Anjum Ahmed	Scientist - Mason Dillon
Musician - Jessica Cook-Parker	IT Whizz - Brooke Edmunds
Eco-Warrior - Connor Hughes	Buddy - Tara Roberts
Good Citizen Award - Bailey Broad	
Head Teacher's Award - Anjum Ahmed	



The Curriculum & Organisation of Education & Teaching Methods

We deliver the statutory curriculum requirements of the Foundation Phase and KS2 National Curriculum. All teaching and learning is topic/theme based, with the Four Core Purposes for learning as the key driver. As such, all pupils are encouraged to be; ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives; enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work; ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world, ready to be citizens of Wales and the world and healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

As all Foundation Phase classrooms require outdoor learning areas, both buildings are used to accommodate our younger learners. KS2 classes are situated on the upper floor in the main building. Our Special Needs Resource Base provides an assessment unit for Foundation Phase pupils across Torfaen. We also provide Nurture Group for pupils of the mainstream school, which caters for individual needs. First Steps Playgroup provides wrap around care. Nursery is open for morning sessions only, and Rising 3s runs during Spring and Summer terms. We also provide premises for a BESD unit, which caters for Torfaen pupils with emotional and behavioural difficulties.



Welsh Language

Although the 1st language of the school is English, we ensure that the statutory requirements for the teaching of Welsh as a second language are met. The aims of teaching Welsh are: to develop pupils' knowledge, understanding and skills within an integrated programme of speaking and listening, reading and writing; to create a Welsh ethos within which to promote the teaching of the Welsh language; to create opportunities for children to enjoy the rich heritage of Wales and celebrate the traditions and culture of Wales; to offer children opportunities to perform and compete in Welsh during school assemblies, concerts and Eisteddfodau.

In line with the recommendations of 'Successful Futures', the Welsh dimension is at the heart of our curriculum and is a prominent feature of all topics and themes. Most signs and displays are bilingual, and teachers aim to teach bilingually, using incidental Welsh in all subjects—the children are encouraged to do the same. We have pupils who are our 'Cryw Cymraeg', and will be introducing the 'Cymraeg Campws' initiative throughout the school in 2018-19. Support is available through the GEMS school service for pupils for whom English is an additional language.

Sports & Extra Curricular Activities

Sport plays an important part in school life. Children participate in a variety of team games as an integral part of the P.E. curriculum. The National Curriculum requires pupils to take swimming lessons so that they can swim 25m unaided; the facilities at Fairwater High School have been used successfully for many years. Year 5/6 pupils undertake an annual field trip/adventurous activity, that includes an overnight stay. During 2017-18 pupils enjoyed a variety of activities at the Kingswood Centre, Denbighshire, North Wales. We offer a very wide range of indoor and outdoor extra curricular opportunities, during lunch time and after school. We recognise the importance of these activities and plan to ensure that all pupils undertake at least one extra curricular activity.



Provision for Additional Educational Needs

We practise inclusive education, providing a wide range of services for our pupils and parents. Mrs Colcombe is Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNCo) for the SNRB and Mrs Baker is ALNCo for mainstream. Both are supported by the school's ALNCo team. The Code of Practice is followed as recommended by the Torfaen Authority, and school is currently in the process of assessing their readiness for the implementation of the new ALN Act 2018. Parents are encouraged to voice any concern they may have regarding their child's progress or welfare in school either with their child's class teacher, Mrs Cresswell or Mrs Thomas. The school's Educational Psychologist is Dr Susannah Young.

Provision for More Able and Talented Pupils

A percentage of pupils in our school are considered to be more able and/or talented (MAT). In accordance with NACE guidelines, 'more able and talented' refers to a pupil whose performance exceeds that of his/her peers in relation to national expectations and their age group in school by 1 National Curriculum Level. 'Most able pupils' are those whose performance exceeds that of their peers by 2 National Curriculum Levels. A range of on-going strategies for identification purposes are in place, and Mrs Everson is the co-ordinator who organises activities to provide pupils with opportunities to apply their skills in a range of situations. We continue to work with NACE and the EAS as part of a MAT Strategy Group, and during 2017-18, pupils participated in cross-cluster activities culminating in a visit to a University of the Russell Group in Oxford.



School Information

Attendance Data: The attendance target set for schools by the Welsh Government is 95%. Last year the school attendance record was 94.7%. The school fell below the national target by 0.3%, and 0.8% below the school's challenging target of 95.5%. Unauthorised attendance increased to 1.8%, with 0.95% being made up of unauthorised family holidays. For 2018-19 the school's targets are 95.5% for attendance and 3.4% for unauthorised absence.

Healthy Eating and Drinking: The development of healthy lifestyles is a high priority for our school. Torfaen Catering serve well balanced, hot and cold meals. All snacks are fruit or vegetables, and drinks are either milk or water; cold water systems are available all day. Pupils are encouraged to bring healthy snacks and lunch boxes.

Donations: Friends Of Maendy continue to organise events to raise funds. They fund the school shop which supports the school's reward system. During 2017-18, FOM also contributed £2,225.00 towards the purchase of outdoor play equipment.

Supported Charities: Harvest Festival raised £88.39 for Dhaka Orphanage in Bangladesh. Every year, School Council identifies a further charity to support; during 2017-18, £891.43 was raised for Motor-Neurone Disease.

Community Links: We work closely with the local police force; PC Champion is a regular visitor. Community Officers organise football events for local schools and support us with managing individual incidents. During 2017-18 school continued community links by contributing and helping out with the Ebenezer Evangelical Church Community Food Bank. School also worked closely with Northville Community Group, successfully setting up the food-share scheme, '50p Friday'. The group will continue to collaborate on joint initiatives which will take place in our 'Community Hwb'.

On-line Learning Resources: There are many resources to support parents and pupils in their learning with reading, writing, maths and Welsh on our school website/YouTube channel, and this is updated regularly. You can contact class teachers through 'Class Dojo'.

The School Council: Make important decisions for school. Last year, they identified charities to support, created a video and rap to help the school community understand the meaning of the school motto, observed maths lessons throughout the school and conducted pupil questionnaires to feed back to staff with ways to make maths fun. School Council played a significant role in developing community links, by attending Spice Credit training, launching the idea of Spice Credits to parents and the local community and creating a video to post online for working parents who couldn't attend the launch event.

Term Dates 2018/19

	Begins	Half Term	Ends
Autumn	3.9.18	29.10.18	21.12.18
Spring	7.1.19	25.2.19	12.4.19
Summer	29.4.19	22.5.19	19.7.19

School Session Times:

Nursery 9.00am-11.30am
SNRB 9.00am-12.00 & 1.00pm-3.15pm
Infants 9.00am-12.00 & 1.00pm-3.15pm
Juniors 9.00am-12.00 & 1.00pm-3.15pm
(The bell rings at 8.55 am. Please ensure that your child is on the playground at 8.50 am, so that they can be accompanied safely into school by a member of staff).

Premises: Torfaen Cleaning Services provided daily cleaning. School has adequate provision of toilet facilities for all adults & pupils. Cleaning services are monitored by school and Torfaen.

Eco Committee: The Eco-committee and Miss Bevan continued to work hard last year, reducing the amount of litter around the school, reducing paper and electricity usage in school and communicating with Eco Clubs in other countries via email, to share ideas and information.

eSafety: The school has an established eSafety group (consisting of staff, pupils and community representatives), in order to review and develop eSafety policies and practice. The group actively monitors incidents and current issues, and use a system which allows staff, pupils and parents to report any eSafety concerns. The school is currently working towards ensuring we meet the new GDPR regulations.

Finance: The school's Out Turn Statement for 2017/18 is included in this report, followed by a summary sheet showing how the school's budget was used. Schools cannot legally plan to overspend on their budgets, and it is good practice to hold a surplus of between 3 and 5%. Last year the school's surplus was £70,291.50 (7.27%). See attached financial statement.