

HENDREFOILAN PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY NEWS May 2019

NEWS FROM OUR COMMITTEES

CURRICULUM

Our Curriculum Committee has been reviewing progress against targets on the School Development Plan, in particular the schools approach to Welsh and English as an additional language.

The Committee have benefitted significantly from presentations by staff who are leading on specific actions. Pupils have also supported presentations, bringing the actions to life and giving a real sense of the progress and impact on the learners themselves.

Progress has been made against all actions on the plan, with all targets on track to be met by the end of the school year.

The Committee has also been considering the implications of the 'new' curriculum which has just been released in draft by the Welsh Government for implementation in 2022. Information and documents linked to the draft curriculum can be viewed at:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/draft-curriculum-for-wales-2022>.

The Committee have also looked at a staffing restructure for September 2019.

COMMUNICATIONS

The role of Communications Committee is to engage all stakeholders in the school's self-evaluation and school improvement journey.

Key areas that we will be focusing on over the next year are;

- Continued opportunities for parents to be involved in learning and celebrations in school, for example during the summer term's class assemblies.

Governors closely linked to key areas and subjects:

- Numeracy – Mrs Shah.
- Literacy – Mrs Bennett.
- Digital Competency – Mrs Novis.
- Health and Safety – Mr Neal.
- Child Protection and Safeguarding – Mr Lowe.
- Additional Learning Needs – Mrs Lingard.
- EAL – Pam Cole

- Liaise and communicate with parents regarding the forthcoming changes regarding the structure of the school.

FINANCE

We have received our proposed allocated budget for 2019 – 2020 and yet again, it is another very challenging year for all Primary Schools. The Finance Committee is working very hard to establish the best value for money using limited means. Next year our overall budget will be cut again, which the school is planning to recover using cost cutting strategies.

It is very difficult to maintain the school without the input of the PTA and the parents who help with general maintenance and resources and we would like to thank everyone for their contributions.

PREMISES

The Premises Committee have been carefully considering the impact of the plans for a new classroom. The new classroom is funded by the Welsh government, from a grant for that purpose only and this grant cannot be used for any other purpose. We are continuing to work on improving the high standards of health and safety throughout the school. Following a recent Local Authority inspection (dated 3rd April 2019), the Principle Health and Safety Officer wrote about the excellent progress the school has made.

"There have been significant improvements with health and safety risk management within the school."

UPDATE FROM OUR FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS:

Our Chair of Governors is Dorothy Bennett and Mrs Kathryn Novis is the Vice Chair of Governors. We welcome a new Parent Governor, Greg Barber and would like to thank our outgoing Governor, Sue Poole for her support.

APPEALS:

Please contact the school office if you are interested in becoming a school Governor as we have a Community Governor vacancy.