

NEWS FROM OUR COMMITTEES

CURRICULUM

One of the key roles of the Curriculum Committee is to support the school's improvement and evaluation processes. As such, the committee has been involved in developing and refining the current school development plan. The school development plan is a key document that sets out the main priorities for the school year. In the Autumn term the committee discussed and agreed four objectives which were identified through evaluation and which also embody developmental activities needed to support working towards implementation of Curriculum for Wales – the 'new' curriculum set for September 2022. The four objectives are:

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| 1. To update the school's shared vision. |
| 2. To embed a culture of enquiry and innovation using action research. |
| 3. To promote team learning and collaboration. |
| 4. To improve pupils' standards of reading in Welsh. |

The most recent Curriculum Committee meeting reviewed progress towards meeting these objectives. The majority of actions were deemed to be on track with good progress being made.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Communication Committee has met to discuss the proposed admissions policy for new pupils and also for staff. We hope that this will provide all stakeholders with a better understanding of the processes, policies and expectations we have here at Hendrefoilan. We have also reviewed and updated the school's prospectus and this is available on the school's website.

As a committee we have kept up to date with the progress of the proposed new building and whilst there have been many unfortunate delays, that have been out of our hands here in school, we have been assured that the new plans will go back out to tender very soon and we will communicate clearly with all stakeholders about any plans, changes or developments, when a realistic date of work commencing is given to us.

Recent parent questionnaires have been an extremely valuable source of communication and information for us as a governing body and we appreciate your viewpoints and feedback. We look forward to continuing this great partnership and appreciate your continued support in completing the next parental questionnaire that will be sent out to you very soon. Your views are important to us and they have contributed greatly to the continued improvements and successful developments the school has enjoyed in becoming a green rated school.

FINANCE

The financial year is almost over and we have just about managed to stay within budget, no mean feat with a contingency of £22.

The coming year will see budgets not being cut again which is a positive for schools, however the increases only covers part of the pay awards so in essence there will be a small cut. We are hopeful that we will not have to make more cuts in the coming year but have not yet received our indicative budget. The school staff have been particularly efficient in reducing as many costs as possible whilst still maintaining best value.

We are always very grateful for the contributions of parents and the PTA without which extra resources would not be possible, and to our local councillors for grant money which they have given us.

PREMISES

The very wet weather and winter issues have again proved challenging for the school site. The premises team have been monitoring conditions and looking at ways to deal with some of the issues that we experience at Hendrefoilan.

We had hoped that building work would have started on the classroom funded by the Welsh Government grant. Unfortunately, we have no further updates on when this work will start.

UPDATE FROM OUR FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS:

Another very positive year for Hendrefoilan with the acknowledgement of the hard work by all in the awarding of the green school's status. It is a boost for all staff and pupils to see their continuing hard work rewarded in this way. We as governors wish to thank everyone for their commitment to the school.

The pupil committees will continue to have valued input with regards to the development of the school's new curriculum and will present this to parents in the summer term.

Our Chair of Governors is Dorothy Bennett the Vice Chair of Governors is Mrs Kathryn Novis.

We welcome back Community Governor, Jennifer Black and thanks go to outgoing Governor, Vaishali Shah, for her support.