

The Governor's Annual Report to Parents 2022 to 2023

A message from our Chair of Governors:

Another successful school year has flown by and as we look back on another wonderful 11 months at Park CP School. We say goodbye to our Year 6 Leavers and wish them all well in the next stage of their education journey.

In school, the Leadership Team and members of staff have embraced the new curriculum and adapted to new ways of teaching and Governors are taking a keen interest in how that is affecting teaching and learning in school. Also, we have already noticed a marked increase in the use of the Welsh language in school and in school communications, spoken and written. We have heard of children correcting their parents when they felt the parent could and should have used a Welsh word or phrase rather than the English equivalent – da iawn!

Everyone at Park School is sorry to be saying goodbye to both Mrs Beth Rolls and Mrs Andrea Parry, two extremely long-standing members of staff whom we will miss.) Mrs Rolls leaves to take up the Headteacher's post at Ysgol Maes y Llan with our congratulations and very best wishes on a well earned promotion – our loss is very much their gain. Mrs Parry is retiring after 24 years service as a teaching assistant which is some achievement and we hope she enjoys her well earned retirement. Finally, one of our most senior governors, Mr Paul Whiting is stepping down at the end of the summer term. Paul is one of our longest serving governors and we thank him for giving us the benefit of his considerable experience and financial expertise.

I cannot finish without thanking the wonderful Headteacher and all the staff at the school for their hard work and devotion over the year and to congratulate the children for their equally hard work and achievements as well. Thank you also to the parents and carers for their support which is always hugely appreciated by us all at the school.

Mr Ian Edwards

Chair of Governors

Our Governing Body

Chair of Governors: Mr Ian Edwards

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Billington

Parent Governors: *(Elected by parental vote and serve a 4 year term; all terms started October 2020):*

Mrs Amanda Griffiths

Mrs Sarah Jones

Mrs Ceri Williams

Mr Mike Smith

Mr Matthew Ellis

Governors did not receive any funds for travel expenses or any other expenses during the year.

Teacher Governors: *(Elected by teachers)*

Mrs Beth Rolls

Mrs Emma Rogers

Staff Governors: *(Elected by non-teaching staff)*

Mrs Myra Cawthorne

Wrexham LA Governors: *(Appointed by Wrexham Local Authority)*

Mr Rob Walsh

Mrs Liz Davies

Mr Daniel Robertson

Mrs Briony Alderson

Community Governors: *(Invited to join the Governing Body by other members due to their specialist skills which add value to the Governing Body as a whole)*

Mr Paul Whiting (Vice Chair)

Mr Wynn Austin

Mrs Lynda Love

Mrs Amanda Jones

Clerk to the Governing Body : Wrexham CBC

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Wrexham

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The Role of the Governing Body at School:

Our Governing Body serves to drive the strategic development of the school ensuring that we raise standards of achievement and meet the needs of all learners.

Each member of the Governing Body sits on at least one committee, which focus on key areas including Staffing, Curriculum, Premises and Budget.

Governors choose which committee(s) they sit on depending, on their interests or areas of expertise.

Committees meet once a term, usually via Zoom, to receive a comprehensive report from the Headteacher. In addition, Governors also visit the building to complete Health & Safety checks and are welcomed to meet with the children to view samples of work and observe academic standards.

Meetings of the full Governing Body take place termly and when possible are held face to face.



A Message from the Staffing Committee:

The Staffing Committee meet to ensure suitable staffing is maintained at the school, in line with the schools budget. The committee are actively involved in ensuring Performance Management targets are met and discuss any training or support needed by all members of staff.

During the year 2022 to 2023 the staffing committee approved the appointment of new teachers and TAs to our school to work in various roles. In addition, the Staffing Committee strived to ensure the well-being of staff plays a prominent role as we move forward.



School Finances:

The Finance Committee strive to ensure that the school operates within its budget. During the year 2022 to 2023 we did not have to seek permission to run a deficit budget as the school was able to carry over a surplus.

Budget forecasts can frequently change throughout the course of the year and by proper scrutiny and advice the committee were able to support the Headteacher in managing the school's finances extremely well. We are grateful to the Finance Committee for their thorough observations of the accounts.

During the year 2022 to 2023 the Finance Committee ensured a dedicated budget was awarded to improving standards of Literacy across the school with the introduction of Language and Literacy, to follow on from Read, Write, Inc. The budget covered the costs of staff training and the purchase of new resources to support the programme. In addition, the Finance Committee approved the purchase of new laptops in all classes via Welsh Government grants and funded resources to develop our outdoor areas.



A Message from the Curriculum Committee:

The Curriculum Committee looks at the work that takes place within the classroom at Park C.P. School. Governors on the committee work alongside staff to support and challenge curriculum delivery. They also receive reports at regular intervals throughout the academic year from the Headteacher on the tracking and monitoring of pupil performance data. This supports the school in ensuring that every pupil achieves their potential at the end of each key stage.

During the 2022 to 2023 academic year, staff and governors reviewed the implementation of the New Curriculum for Wales. New ways of teaching and learning were introduced with Governors ensuring that high standards are maintained and progress is sufficient for every child for their learning journeys.

To view our Curriculum Vision click on the link below:

<https://www.parkcpllay.co.uk/new-curriculum/>

Health & Safety – Premises Committee

The Premises Committee members meet at school each term to assess the building, grounds and ensure all Health & Safety requirements are being met appropriately.

The committee ensures essential work is undertaken in a timely manner and approves records such as Risk Assessments, policies and procedures. School is audited by Health & Officers from WCBC on a scheduled programme (last full audit: January 2022) and all targets for improvement addressed promptly.

During the year 2022 to 2023:



- Fire Drills were carried out termly and any issues addressed.
- All alarm systems (Fire and Security) were serviced by qualified engineers from Barlows, at regular intervals throughout the year
- Coded locks for entry onto the school premises and into building were changed for security purposes
- Maintenance work was completed on our Sprinkler and Boiler systems
- Carpets were professionally cleaned in areas of Key Stage 2

Our Caretaker, Mr Broderick sadly resigned from his post in May 2023. The Governing Body wish to express their thanks to all for the hard work and commitment he has shown to school over the years. We wish him all the very best for the future.

Our new caretaker Mr Peter Williams, is well known in the village and already doing an amazing job to maintain our school – diolch Ped!

Evaluation Committee Meetings:

The Evaluation Committee takes a proactive approach and visits school each term to monitor the standards of work produced by the children and to carefully scrutinise data.

During the year 2022 to 2023, Governors from the committee undertook learning walks around school to observe Literacy and Expressive Arts. They joined in lessons, spoke to children, looked through books and even judged our Pumpkin Competition!

Feedback from Governors was very positive:

“With regard to the learning walk on Tuesday, I really enjoyed and I must pay tribute to the hard work of all staff who I saw. The most obvious takeaway from the learning walk was the learner engagement. Learners were all engaged showing great strength from all staff”. Cllr Walsh, April 2023.

Information & Policies

Languages:

Park C.P. is an English medium school where Welsh is taught as a second language to all children. Children are given opportunities throughout the day to extend upon their English vocabulary and understanding along with opportunities to develop their Welsh Language understanding and fluency. Following the introduction on the new Curriculum for Wales, we be teaching Makaton and British Sign Language to children from Nursery to Year 6.

Healthy Schools:

Park CP continues to participate in Wrexham's Healthy Schools Initiative. Healthy eating is promoted through all areas of learning not just Science & Technology and Health & Well-Being. The School Meals Service works closely with school to promote healthy eating choices. Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day and we have a number of drinking water stations placed throughout school. During the year 2022 to 2023, free school meals were introduced to children from Reception to Year 2.

Attendance 2022 to 2023:

Whole School – 92.7%

Authorised Absence – 6.7%

Unauthorised Absence – 0.6%

We aim to reach attendance of 94% during the year 2023 to 2024.



Our Strategic Equality Plan was approved by Governors for 2020 to 2024.

Copies are available on request

Our School Prospectus is updated annually and can be found on our website at

www.parkcpplay.co.uk

Policy Updates:

All of our Policy documents for Curricular and Non-Curricular areas are in place, along with our School Improvement Plan and School Prospectus.

Plans and schemes of work are created termly by staff across the school and ensure complete curriculum coverage. Copies of all our policies are available upon request,

Treasure Chest:

Treasure Chest is a Wraparound/Childcare facility that operates within our building. Care is provided for children as young as 2 years old up to age 11years.

Treasure Chest includes provisions for Flying Start, Early Education, Nursery Wraparound, Under 3s Childcare, Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Club.



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PASSIONATE, ASPIRATIONAL, RESPECTFUL, KNOWLEDGABLE LEARNERS!

Additional Learning Needs:

In September 2021, the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Framework became statutory and school ensured that we are fully compliant with the new regulations. Procedures are in place to identify children who present as having ALN and a careful process is followed involving parents children, teachers and our ALNCO to ensure all reasonable measures are being taken to meet his/her needs. We have two Resourced Provision classes at school, one in Foundation Phase and one in Key Stage 2. Children are placed in our Resource Provisions by the Local Authority and all have Statements of Special Educational Needs or the new Individual Development Plans.

School works very closely with outside agencies including the Educational Psychologist, the Local Authority Inclusion Officers and Speech and Language Therapists.

Mrs C. Parry is our schools Additional Learning Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (ALNCo).



School celebrated the coronation of King Charles III in style with a service at St. Martin's Church, parades around the village, a balcony wave at the Welfare and typical British lunch – fish and chips in the rain!!!!

School Improvement:

Our Key Priorities Areas for the year 2022 to 2023:

- Further develop standards of extended writing across the school.
- Continue to improve standards of mathematics across the school
- Develop effective assessment and feedback strategies with a consistent approach across the school
- Improve standards of Welsh and 'Welshness' across the school

Governors received termly updates to monitor the School Improvement Plan and all priorities were met in full or part.

We earned the Cymraeg Campus Bronze award in the Summer Term 2023 thanks to the hardwork of the Criw Cymreig, staff and children across the school.

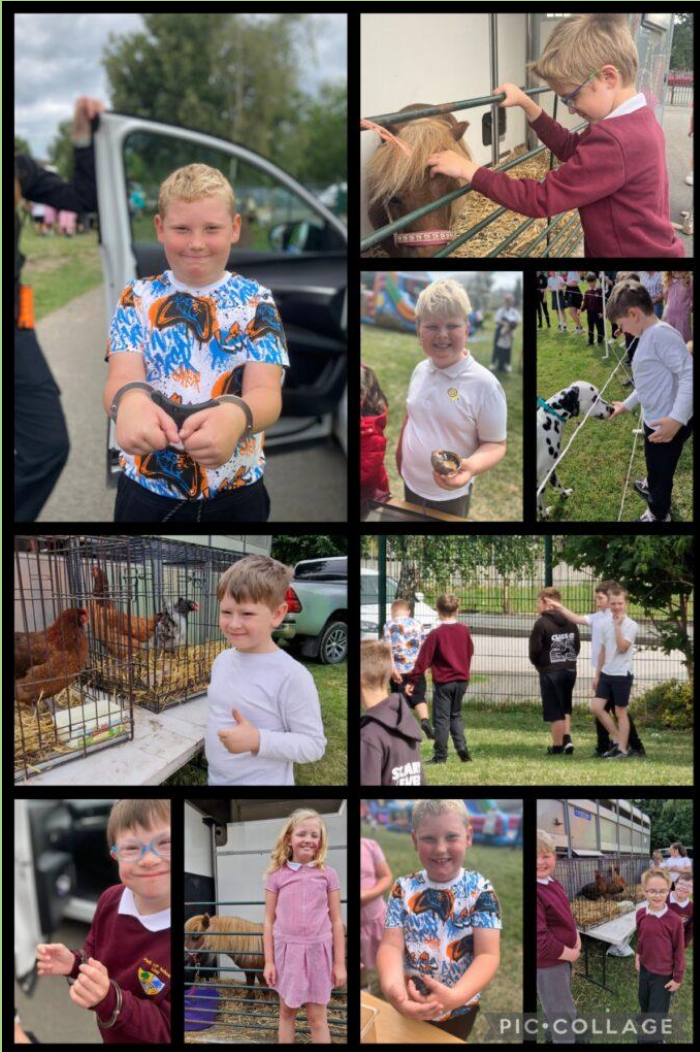
Successes during the year:

- ✓ Classes competed in a variety of competitions held at school during our fantastic Country Show Day in July 2023. We had bouncy castles, face painting, singers, a dog trainer, live animals and even a magician. Cluster schools took part in some of the competitions – however, we took first place and were awarded the Cluster Cup!!!!
- ✓ We enjoyed a huge celebration for King's Coronation – crowning our very our King and Queen at St Martin's church with a service provided by Pastor David.
- ✓ Children in Years 4, 5 & 6 brought home silverware in the cluster spelling and maths competitions.

Teaching & Learning:

With the introduction of the New Curriculum for Wales in September 2023, the way in which we teach children has now changed. The focus is on progression rather than attainment and we acknowledge that children are on their own learning journeys. We ensure that our curriculum delivers dynamic and engaging learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom. We embrace the children's ideas, ensure our statutory obligations are met whilst driving forward skills of literacy, numeracy and digital competency.

At Park C.P. we provide a broad and balanced curriculum, filled with experiences to promote learning and independence. Teachers ensure work is challenging yet achievable and strive to ensure all children are given appropriate opportunities to achieve their potential.



Community Links:

School continues to embrace the positive relationships we have within the community of Llay. Throughout the year 2022 to 2023 we attended services at St Martin's Church, Llay and the Church of the Nazarene. Both Father Huw and Pastor David visited school to talk to the children and once again we joined in the Remembrance Day celebrations within the village.

Police Liaison Officer, PC Stu visited the school to deliver lessons to children in years 2, 4 & 6 around various issues including Substance Misuse, Online Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour.

The Community Council gave generous grants throughout the year to School Funds, ensuring that children had a variety of experiences and treats including supporting our huge Country Show event.

Throughout the year, we also received donations from local company Strode and Jeffries and Gresford United Charity towards our School Fund.

Toilets:

The school has the required number of toilets for children and adults. All toilets are cleaned on a daily basis and any defects are reported immediately. During the year 2022 to 2023, we secured funding to refurbish both the Girls and Boys toilets in our KS2 department. Work was carried out by WCBC and included new toilets, floors, lighting, sinks and partitions.

Admission Arrangements for Pupils who have a Disability:

Admissions for pupils to Park CP is determined by Wrexham Local Authority. All pupils are welcomed here and we aim to reduce/eliminate all barriers of access to the curriculum and work towards full participation in the school community for pupils and prospective pupils with a disability. We fully comply with the Disability Discrimination Act.

Term Dates 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term

Training Day: Thursday 1st September 2022

Training Day: Friday 2nd September 2022

School Opens: Monday 5th September 2022

School Closes: Friday 28th October 2022

Training Day: Friday 23rd December 2022

School Opens: Monday 7th November 2022

School Closes: Thursday 22nd December 2022

Spring Term

Training Day: Monday 9th January 2023

School Opens: Tuesday 10th January 2023

School Closes: Friday 17th February 2023

School Opens: Monday 27th February 2023

School Closes: Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term

Training Day: Monday 17th April 2023

School Opens: Tuesday 18th April 2023

May Day: Monday 1st May 2023

School Closes: Friday 26th May 2023

King's Coronation Day Monday 8th May 2022

School Opens: Tuesday 6th June 2023

School Closes: Thursday 20th July 2023

Training Day: Monday 5th June 2023

In July 2023 our Year 6 pupils transferred to the following secondary schools:

Castell Alun, St Christopher's,
Darland High School &
Myddleton College.

Timings of the School Day

Foundation Phase: 8.55am to 3.05pm

Key Stage 2: 8.45am to 3.15pm

Lunchtimes run from 11.30am to 1.30pm

A meeting to discuss the Annual Governors report to parents will be arranged should a minimum of 5% of parents/carers make a request for one.

To request a meeting, parents should email:

parents@park-pri.wrexham.sch.uk

by noon on the Friday 27th October 2023 at the latest.



Staffing

During the 2022 to 2023 year, we welcomed Mrs H Thompson, Miss A Neal, Mr P Williams, Mrs K Williamson, Miss O Jones and Miss C Williams to the Park C.P. staffing team.

In July 2023 we bid fond farewells to Mrs A Parry, Mrs B Rolls and Mrs C Lucas.

Financial Statement 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023**SUMMARY FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 2022/2023****Financial Year 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023**

| BUDGET HEADING | EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) ACTUAL | EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) PLANNED BUDGET | BALANCE |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| STAFFING | 1,666,477 | 1,619,006 | -47,471 |
| PREMISES | 73,828 | 85,122 | 11,294 |
| TRANSPORT | 68 | 715 | 647 |
| SUPPLIES & SERVICES | 58,682 | 72,674 | 13,992 |
| EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES | 109,498 | 102,164 | -7,334 |
| CONTINGENCY FUND | 0 | 148,438 | 148,438 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 1,908,553 | 2,028,119 | 119,566 |
| OTHER INCOME | -327,888 | -246,698 | 81,190 |
| BALANCE AS AT 1st April 2022 | -261,926 | -261,926 | 0 |
| TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE | 1,318,739 | 1,519,495 | 200,756 |

