

Wensley Fold CE Primary Academy



GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REVIEW



TEACHING SCHOOL

JULY 2014

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Governors have links with curriculum areas and they see specialist members of staff on a termly, or at least a yearly basis, reporting back to the next Governors' meeting. Those governors who are not parents or staff do not often get the opportunity to see the whole school in operation on a normal working day, so in June I was pleased to be invited into school so that I could see what was going on. There was a great deal going on. I began with Year 6 reading and I had just started a most interesting book when I was moved on to look at other year groups. I was conducted round the school most ably by two Year 6 pupils (who will probably want to remain nameless). By this time, all the classes and year groups were involved in different kinds of measuring, depending on their age group, and I was most impressed to see how involved and enthusiastic everyone was and how consistency operated throughout the whole school. Children were very glad to show me what they were doing and I even recognised some of my neighbours. The main thing I noticed was how keen teachers and pupils were on what they were doing and the air of cheerfulness in all the classrooms. Many thanks to my two hosts, who explained everything very clearly.

John Leigh, Chair of Governors

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY



Mrs GA Stubbs
Headteacher



Mr J Leigh
Foundation Governor



Mrs O Fairless
L A Governor



Mrs A Waka
Foundation Governor



Mrs H Esat
Parent Governor



Mr J Dungerpurwala
Community Governor



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Parent Governor



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Parent Governor



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Parent Governor



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Mrs A Hussain
Parent Governor



Mr E Raja
Community Governor



Mrs Y Ghiwala
Parent Governor



Mr W Hussain
Community Governor



Mrs J Draper
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs E Rae
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs M Hutchison
Clerk to the Governors

THE FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:

1. To maintain the highest standards in all subjects through the development of individual subject action plans
2. To develop a creative curriculum which is personalised to the children
3. To work in partnership with parents to encourage them to become active and supportive partners in their children's education
4. To ensure the new extended campus matches the needs of a personalised curriculum
5. To maintain best practice recruitment of staff who best match the ethos and culture of the school
6. To embed community cohesion into all aspects of school life
7. To establish a Wensley Fold Charitable Trust
8. To continually raise the importance of e safety for all and to maintain it as a high profile as technology develops
9. To encourage the majority of children to develop a habit of walking or cycling safely to school daily
10. To develop an on-going programme of drug awareness in relation to the issues in the local community
11. To establish a governors' Wensley Fold Enterprise Zone
12. To develop and promote a long term savings habit through the Wensley Fold Savings Bank
13. To further promote family understanding of the importance of a healthy lifestyle
14. To establish a range of successful, high profile sports clubs and teams with links to external clubs and teams

WENSLEY FOLD – A NATIONAL TEACHING SCHOOL



Wensley Fold was awarded National Teaching School status in March 2014.

Teaching schools are outstanding schools that work with others to provide high-quality training and development to new and experienced school staff.

Teaching Schools will:

1. play a greater role in training new entrants to the profession – this will be achieved through **School Direct**
2. lead peer-to-peer learning
3. spot and nurture leadership potential
4. provide support for other schools
5. designate and broker Specialist Leaders of Education (SLEs)
6. engage in research and development



SIAMS INSPECTION – January 2014

(Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools)

The inspection found that:

- The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Wensley Fold as a Church of England Academy are outstanding
- The academy, through its distinctive Christian character, is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners
- The impact of collective worship on the academy community is good
- The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the academy as a church academy is outstanding

The inspector said 'I really enjoyed working with you and your wonderful team. You make such a difference to the community you serve.'

THEMED WEEK – THE AMERICAS – MAY 2014



During our themed week each class found out about 2 different American countries – one quite well known and one not so well known. They discovered about the different languages and cultures. They met some South American animals, played in a steel band and enjoyed some carnival dance. The week ended with presentations from every class. This was planned to

take place on the school field but unfortunately the bad weather meant that we had to use the space building and were unable to invite parents to attend.



FRENCH ASSISTANT

This year Mrs Harrison successfully organised a Language Assistant to teach French to our Key Stage 2 children. Elsa Miquel was employed jointly by three schools in the borough and raised the profile of language teaching throughout the school. Mrs Harrison has now secured another assistant to teach French in school next year.



SPORTS NEWS

Mr Allen has worked at Wensley Fold this year. He is a PE specialist teacher who is employed using the Government's PE Premium to develop PE at Wensley Fold he also works on extra curricular activities and helps to organise intra and inter competitions. Wensley Fold gained the Youth Sport Trust Gold Quality Mark – and is the only primary school in the borough to have achieved this. Well done to Mrs Hardman and Mr Allen.



Gold Quality Mark 2013/14

SPELLING BEE



Congratulations to Zahra Dungerpurwala who retained the Year 5/Year 6 trophy and to Misahl Sonvadi who was runner up in the Year 3/Year 4 competition.



CHARITY – RAINBOW TRUST

This year's nominated charity has been Rainbow Trust which is a charity who help hundreds of families every year who have a child with a life threatening or terminal illness. Once again over £1000 was raised. Thanks to Mrs Jack, the Charity Committee, Mrs Hussain (governor) and to the mums who ran the most delicious cake sale!

Rainbow Trust
CHILDREN'S CHARITY



CHARITY – SYRIA APEAL

A group of mums baked, made desserts and packaged sweet cones to raise money to support people affected by the conflict in Syria. An amazing £2100 was raised. Thanks to the mums and to everyone who supported this fundraising event.

THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.wensleyfold.co.uk



Some changes have been made to our school website. Please use it to find out lots of important information about the school and to access the Learning Platform.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

The school was successful in gaining a grant from the Arts Council to fund an Artist in Residence to work



with 3 schools (Wensley Fold, St Silas and Sacred Heart) for three years. Pat Southern-Pearce has worked with teachers and different groups of children – Years 5 and 6, Art Stars from Reception and Years 3 and 4 and Key Stage 1 after school clubs – and is based in a different school each term. Each term there is a different theme. At Wensley Fold it was 'Layout', at St Silas it was 'Inspiration from Music' and the latest theme was 'Flowers and Gardens' at Sacred Heart. An exhibition of the work produced has been held at the end of each term. The project continues until Summer Term 2016.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Children and staff came dressed as their favourite book characters to celebrate World Book Day in March this year. There were many amazing costumes! The children enjoyed a day full of book themed activities.



Miss Trunchbull An Oompa Loompa

SINGING

This year children of all ages have performed as part of the Mini Sing, the Big Sing, the Singing Together Project, the Children at Christmas Concert and the Blackburn University Graduation Ceremony Choir.

DRUMMING WORKSHOP

In September 2013, Jeff Rich, drummer from Status Quo ran a drumming workshop for all the children in school. They got to hear him play and had the opportunity to perform with him.



LIFE EDUCATION BUS

In October the Life Education Centre visited school as part of our Stay Safe Week. Each year group was able to visit and learn about different aspects of personal, health and social education in a fun and interesting way.



STAFF CHANGES

Sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Smith who is retiring after 16 years at Wensley Fold and 36 years teaching. We also say goodbye to Mrs Ham who is moving on to become a Deputy Headteacher. We wish them both all the very best in their futures.

We welcome four new members of teaching staff – Mr Murphy who will teach in Reception, Mr Street and Miss Horsfall who will be teaching in our Year 1 classes and Miss Lloyd who will be teaching in Year 3.

We also welcome Miss Livesey, Mrs Salim, Mrs Patel, Miss Dwyer and Mr Beardsworth who will be working as teaching assistants.



TRIPS AND VISITS

The children have experienced a range of trips and visits during the last year, including:

Reception – Bowland Wild Boar Park

Year 1 – Judges Lodgings (Lancaster), Hindu Temple, Accrington Railway Station

Year 2 – Witton Country Park, Brockhole Nature Reserve, Blackpool Zoo, Fleetwood Museum

Year 3 – Martin Mere (Viking Day),

Year 4 – Blackburn Museum (Egyptians), The Museum of Liverpool

Year 5 – Cuerden Valley Park (Victorian Day), Whalley and Clitheroe

Year 6 – Imperial War Museum, Activities Week

WENSLEY FOLD – AN ECO SCHOOL



The Eco Committee led by Mrs Smith have met regularly all year to make action plans and to ensure that everyone is following our Eco Code. In June the school was assessed to find out if we continued to meet the Eco School standards –

and we did! We got our **fifth** flag!

It was recommended that we:

- To continue to make contact with local schools to share good practice and success
- To strengthen monitoring and evaluation on all focussed topics, develop monitoring and analysis
- To consider developing Fairtrade further by embarking on the National Schools Fairtrade Award

Congratulations to Mrs Smith and her Eco Committee!

PARLIAMENTARY VISIT

Wendy Lavin - Regional Education Outreach Officer at House of Commons – came into school to educate our children about parliament and the government. The school council even tried out a parliament style debate!



UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

From September 2014 all pupils in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools in England will be eligible for free school meals.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Blackburn Children's University™ is currently in its fifth year. In September Blackburn Children's University opened up to children in years 1 and 2. This means we are able to give more children the opportunity to try and learn new things. Watch this space for more developments over the next year!

This year all four primary schools together, have taken part in over 17,300 hours of Children's University activities.

During the past year Blackburn Children's University™ has offered children a variety of activities which have been after school, in the holidays and at some weekends. Sara Casey (Extended Schools Coordinator) has organised many events. In October children from the 4 schools enjoyed a trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve, in March they went on a combined trip to Manchester United and the Imperial War Museum and most recently in June went to Hothersall Lodge to take part in outdoor adventurous activities such as zip wire, den building and caving. The latter was heavily subsidised by a grant from the Henry Smith Charity.

The University Centre, Blackburn College have put on a number of events for Children's University which include activities on Law, Childhood Studies, History and English.

Blackburn Children's University held the annual graduation on Saturday 5 July. 100 children attended to receive their national certificates. An additional 150 children were presented with their bronze certificates in their school.

RESULTS 2014

Year 1 Phonics

Year 1 Pupils Who Achieved the Required Standard (2014)	National % Who Achieved the Required Standard (2013)
93%	69%

Key Stage 1	W	1	2C	2B	2A	3
Reading	0%	17%	8%	30%	37%	8%
Writing	0%	17%	23%	38%	20%	2%
Maths	0%	8%	18%	32%	32%	10%

Key Stage 2	Level 3	Level 4+	Level 5	Level 6
ENGLISH				
Reading	3%	97%	41%	
Writing (TA)	3%	97%	34%	
Grammar	6%	94%	59%	
MATHS	3%	97%	47%	19%
SCIENCE (TA)	0%	100%	47%	

THE BUDGET

(for the financial year ending August 2014)

Expenditure	2013/2014
Salaries & Wages	81%
Premises	7%
Capitation	5%
Central Services	7%
TOTAL	100%

AND FINALLY . . . CONGRATULATIONS



To Mr and Mrs Hardman whose son Dylan Michael was born on Wednesday 16 July 2014 at 1:45pm weighing 7lbs 5ozs. Both mum and baby are doing well!