

## **Chair's Report**

### **Curriculum Committee Meeting: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

#### **Committee Members attending:**

Liz Court (Chair), Claire Farrier, Juliyah Brown, Elaine Hurley, Craig Tallon, Kay Vanner

Absent: Sara Pittal

#### **Report**

##### **New Committee Terms of Reference proposal**

The committee agreed to change its name and terms of reference in order to provide a clearer monitoring responsibility for school standards. The committee will continue to monitor the curriculum but will now also review standards and results compared to similar and national schools. The Terms of Reference will be altered to take account of this.

##### **London Excellence Project for Mathematics – Kay Vanner (Assistant Head)**

Kay Vanner (Maths Subject Leader) explained about this scheme set up through the Mayor's fund to improve 'in house' professional development to support the teaching and learning of Maths. Teachers will work in groups of three throughout the school teaching observed 'Lesson Study' sessions with a focus on pupil progress. The scheme is linked to other local schools: Barnfield, Fairway and Colindale and teachers will visit these schools to observe and discuss impact teaching in those schools as well as being invited to visit Woodcroft.

Progress against base-line data will be checked for improvement in standards each year over two years of the study.

##### **Sport and Health – Anna Charalambous (PE & Sports Leader)**

Anna Charalambous, PE Subject Leader, explained how the funding for PE and Sport is used. Each class has two hours per week consisting of games, gymnastics and dance provided by Mr Raw (PE Coach), Mr Judd (PE Specialist), Serena Williams (Dance Choreographer) or the class teacher. There is also 30 minutes swimming session for Year 4 every Friday at Copthall.

There are many extra-curricular sports clubs delivered by class teachers, external coaches and teaching assistants. Apart from external coaches, these are delivered on a voluntary basis. It is hoped to start another three sports clubs this year, two of which will be aimed at KS1. A termly audit has been carried out to identify the percentage of pupils taking part in these clubs. For Autumn Term 2013, 36% of children from Years 1 – 6 attended after-school clubs. The aim is to increase to 56% by the Spring Term.

There is now a PE Governor to support the provision of PE & Sport and to ensure the highest standards of provision are maintained.

##### **Computing – Dan Guest (IT & Computing Leader)**

Dan Guest, Computing Subject Leader, explained that ICT will now be known as 'Computing' which will involve pupils understanding of programming. New technology introduced so far includes: a new server, smart boards and tablets to be used by staff and children. All will have to be integrated into the curriculum. Staff will be trained to be able to use and trust the new technology to be used to enable children to access what is offered to enhance their knowledge and learning. There is a 'Robo Club' for gifted and talented pupils to develop their knowledge of robotics.

The 'Tree House' virtual learning environment is due to be updated and made more accessible over the coming term.

The school is working toward the NAACe Quality Mark.

### 2014-15 Objectives: The New Curriculum and Development Plan

The school has begun to evaluate the current impact of the school development plan.

Objectives will be measured against performance indicators.

Work streams need to be used to identify the impact of schemes and how successful they have been in improving the education of the pupils.

### Local Authority Inspection: Visit Report

A Local Authority Inspector visited the school in February. She confirmed the Headteacher's judgement that Woodcroft is a GOOD school. She looked at assessment data, children's books and observed lessons to evaluate consistent practice. She wanted to know more about year on year reports and developments. She thought progress and achievement is 'good' and will return to provide support and advise each term.

### New Ofsted Framework

Governor questions – A list of evaluation questions for Governors is being developed by each committee based on the Ofsted Framework. This will enable Governors check that they are carrying out their duties effectively.

### 'Narrowing the Gap'

The up to date Ofsted Data Dashboard was released on the day of the committee. It shows that Woodcroft is improving in most areas. Further analysis and consideration of action will be made at the next meeting.

### Be Your Best Project

Mr Russell updated the committee about the Be The Best You Can Be Project. The project has launched successfully with a Paralympics Athlete presentation that was covered in the local press. A number of new initiatives have started, including a new fish tank 'aquarium' which will contain fish that pupils will name after inspirational people.

Thank you to all of the staff for the hard work and commitment to the school.

Liz Court

Chair of Curriculum and Standards