

Curriculum and Standards Committee Meeting

October 9th 2015

Committee

Craig Tallon
Liz Court
Juliyah Brown
Elaine Hurley
Philomena Moore (apologies)
Mervat Khalil

Governors were given a great deal of updated information.

Quality of Teaching

Mr Russell told us that Ofsted is not on board as yet with Assessment. Schools are working on their Own Target scales. We have bought 'Target Tracker' and data is being put in based on a 6-point scale to include below, emerging, working and improving and exceeding. Our data is being put in to set a base-line.

A great deal of work has been done by Mark and the staff to create a base-line for Reception. 'Early Excellence' gives a wide profile.

Pupil Performance – School Profile

Mr Tallon gave us a document which gives details of School Test Results for 2015. Congratulations to all pupils for achieving their targets. There has been significant improvement in results from National Tests. A full report and analysis will be posted on the Website in due course.

Accelerated Targets

Interventions have been put in place to achieve Accelerated Targets in Reading, Writing and Maths. These Interventions include one to one work, extra group work, homework focus, after-school clubs, including reading and grammar work, Athletics club and Acorn Readers.

Attainment Review

This document produced by Barnet in August 2015 shows that Woodcroft has improved in achievement in most areas from 2014 except KS1 Reading, Writing and Maths (SEN Support is showing improvement). EAL pupils show improvement. KS2 SATs results show an increase in achieving L4 and L5.

Strategies are being put in place to improve attainment where necessary. Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium Grant Support made good progress in 2015, exceeding National Average except writing in KS1.

School Improvement Plan

(From September list 2015 to 31st July 2016)

There are three areas that the School will prioritise during the life of the plan. These are:-

- 1) Teaching for Learning – to improve the quality of teaching and learning including opportunities for collaboration of staff.
- 2) Computing – Staff to use the technology effectively to deliver the areas of the curriculum in accordance with the Computing Passport to success. Also to enable School to gain NAALE Quality Mark Accreditation.
- 3) Inclusion – Develop collaboration between teachers and TAs to improve the overall quality of SEN provision to increase effectiveness of core subject interventions and differentiation.

The Strategic Overview states the whole School Theme in collaboration.

Priorities are given for Curriculum areas, attendance, Behaviour, Assessment, SMSc and PSHE, RE and SEN.

School SEF

This will be published on line.

Policy Updates

Mrs Valoti has updated the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Policy. Members were asked to read this and ask questions if necessary.

Pupil Premium Monitoring

This is allocated for those children eligible for free School meals. The money spent has shown effective progress has been made via interventions, one to one support and extra-curricular activities.

Curriculum Evenings

Ofsted said that guidance for parents in this area should be improved and that there should be more emphasis on encouraging parents to help children and get involved in School life and activities. There tends to be poor attendance even at the start of the Academic Year.

Parents said they didn't understand what was expected of them. It was suggested that a more 'friendly' approach, focusing on 'How to help your child' might encourage parents into classes perhaps to work alongside the children. Staff Governors approved of this suggestion, but said 'timings' issues would need careful planning.

Music Recognition

Woodcroft's Music quality is now being reported in Music Teacher Magazine.

PE

Jack Judd is now the co-ordinator and has revised the Curriculum Map.

Members of Saracens Rugby Club are now working with Yr. 3, with an emphasis on being healthy.

Unicorn Collaboration

Representatives from the Theatre ran an Inset session for staff at the beginning of term (I joined in and enjoyed the activity very much!) Theatre Trips are organised for this term. (I supported Reception Class to the production of 'Breaking Ice', which focused on friendship).

We have a music specialist from Unicorn as our Resident Artist for this Half Term. He has devised a programme called 'All Ears', which involves children listening to music, making music in class groups and cross age-group activities. The children are enjoying this immensely .

Celebrating Success

- Woodcroft achieved a Gold Barnet Sports Award.
- Pupils in last year's Yr. 6 achieved an Arts Award Bronze level.
- School achieved a Healthy Schools Silver Award.
- Mrs Veloti and the Safer Travel Team won a TfL Gold Accredited Award.

Many congratulations to the children and all Staff who work so hard with the children.

Curriculum Website Pages Updated

Subject leaders for the New Curriculum are stated. Mr Tallon has obtained a 'Spanish Scheme of work from Hertfordshire'.

AOB

Mr Tallon had a discussion concerning developments in the Parent Ambassador Role with Miss Khalil.

Liz Court (Chair) 9th October 2015