

Wildmoor Heath School

Newsletter

23rd September 2016

2015-16 Results

The last academic year saw significant changes to assessment and testing at the end of Year 2 and Year 6. Both year groups were tested against the higher expectations of the new National Curriculum (introduced in September 2014) and sat new style 'SATs' tests.

Reception:

79% of children achieved a 'Good Level of Development (GLD)'. This means they reached the expected levels in Communication & Language (CL), Physical Development (PD) and the Personal, Social and Emotional (PSE) aspects of learning as well as early Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Our results continue to be in line with the Bracknell Forest average and are likely to again be above the national average.

Year 1:

83% passed the phonics check. This is likely to be in line with both the local and national averages.

Year 2:

93% of children passed the phonics check by the end of Year 2 (79% passed in Year 1). 79% achieved the expected standard (EXS) in reading, with 69% and 83% doing so in maths. 31% were working at a greater depth (GDS) in reading, while 7% were doing so in writing and 24% in maths. These results, with exception of GDS in writing, are in line with the Bracknell Forest average. We are still waiting for the national data, but we anticipate that as last year, we will be in line with national average too.

Year 6:

Just under half (47%) of the children achieved the expected level in reading, writing and maths. This was broadly in line with both the national (52%) and local (53%) averages. In reading and maths the percentage achieving the expected level was 60%, while 77% did so in writing. Again, these were close to the national and local averages. However, our progress measures (from Year 2 to Year 6), particularly in reading and writing, were above average. For maths, our progress score was +0.4, which put us in the top 50% of schools nationally. A score of +1.9 in reading meant that our children made progress from Year 2 in line with the top 25% of schools nationally, while a progress score of +4.8 in writing meant we performed in line with top 5% of schools nationally.

2016 STANDARDS	EYFS	CL	PSE	PD	Lit	Ma	
	EXS	90%	93%	90%	79%	83%	
	GLD	79%			Cohort Average		36.4
	KS1	Re	Wr	Phonics	Ma	Att	
	EXS	79%	69%	93%	83%	97.1%	
	GDS	31%	7%		24%		
	KS2	Re	Wr	GaPS	Ma	RWM	
	EXS	60%	77%	57%	60%	47%	
	GDS	10%	30%	13%	10%	7%	
	Prog.	+1.9	+4.8		+0.4		

At Wildmoor Heath, we are always 'Reaching for our Best' and we know we now need to build on this year's results to do even better. To this end, we have been undertaking question level analysis of the Year 2 and 6 tests as well as the 'Optional SATs' that Year 3, 4 and 5 did during the summer term. This is allowing us to identify gaps and areas for development (and strengths!) at both school and class level. An example of the impact of this work is the changes made to the reading target cards to emphasise vocabulary development, reading stamina and inference. In maths,

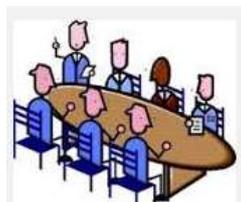
we know that we need to develop children's reasoning skills so that they can solve more complex problems and explain their thinking. We also noted that our children did less well than their peers nationally in geometry and measurement questions, so will be finding out why and taking action to rectify this. In writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation continue to be the usual reasons for not attaining at the expected level, so this will continue to be a focus across the school.

We are very proud of what the children – and staff - achieved last year. It is never easy to be the first year to take a new test and you may have read in the press about some of the difficulties schools faced preparing the children this year – from delayed guidance and exemplar materials to last minute changes to marking and moderation schemes. There were also concerns that the tests were too hard, in particular the reading test in Year 6 and the Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GaPS) paper in Year 2. Despite this, Mr Gater, Mrs Wells and Mr People did a fantastic job in preparing their classes and the children should be congratulated for their hard work and commitment. They certainly demonstrated resilience, courage and a 'go for it' attitude and should be congratulated!

Mr G Strudley (Headteacher)

Parent Governor Election

Just a reminder that we currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and that a nomination and election timetable will shortly be announced. Governors play an important role working with the Headteacher to set the strategic direction of the school and to improve standards. It is a rewarding position and training and support are available from the Local Authority. **If you are interested in being a parent governor, please contact Celeste Moruzzi: clerk@wildmoorheath.bracknell-forest.sch.uk.**



Who are the School Governors?

The constitution of the governing body reflects the school's stakeholders: parents, staff, the local community and Bracknell Forest Council.

Carole Blunden-Lee	Community (Co-opted)
Chloe Mietle	Community (Co-opted)
Vacant	Community (Co-opted)
Grant Strudley	Headteacher (ex-officio)
Karen Roche (Chair)	Local Authority
Chris Salt	Local Authority
Clr. Cliff Thompson	Local Authority
Jason Cooper (Vice-Chair)	Parent (Co-opted)
Stewart Mackie	Parent (Co-opted)
Alison Rolls	Parent (Elected)
Vacant	Parent (Elected)
Sophie Leadbeatter	Staff (Co-opted)
Nicola Thurgood	Staff (Elected)

Governors sit on one or more sub-committees: Finance & Buildings, Staffing and School Improvement. You can find out more about the governors and read minutes of meetings on the school's website:

<http://www.wildmoorheath.org.uk/OurSchool/Governors/>

PTA "Halloween" Night Walk



Friday 11th November 2016

6.00pm start

Halloween Theme – Refreshments available

PTA Sponsored Walk

Friday 7th October 2016

1.30 – 3.00pm

Please watch out for the sponsor forms, which will be sent out soon!

We need volunteers – let us know if you can help.

Dates for your Diary

06 Oct 16 – Writing Workshop
 07 Oct 16 – PTA Sponsored Walk
 12 Oct 16 – Y6 / Y4 Residential Trip Meetings
 13 Oct 16 – School Council Elections
 14 Oct 16 – Harvest Festival (KS1)
 17 Oct 16 – Festival of Rugby (House Comp)
 19 Oct 16 – Y6 BF Tag Rugby
 23 Oct 16 – Last day of half term
 31 Oct 16 – School re-opens
 11 Nov 16 - Halloween Night Walk (6pm)

(Please check the website and 'school comms' for updates)



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Respect - Everyone - Achievement - Courage - Helpful & Caring - Individuality - Never Give Up - Go for It!

