

Minutes of the Curriculum Sub-Committee

Held on: 30th January 2013

Present: Sue Farrington (Chair)
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1. Matters Arising

- 1.1 Amendments made to school plan and 'good' progress defined under closing the gap – see SDP.
- 1.2 LE to send Governors details about Inset Days
- 1.3 Potential for a crossing between DKH and Lettsom being explored.

2. Update on School Development Plan

- 2.1 Strand 1 of the SDP 'Develop our broader curriculum'

The focus for 2013 is on science teaching. Good progress is being against all targets. Science week will take place the week before half terms and there will be a curriculum evening for parents.

- 2.2 Strand 2 – Develop systems of communication

All teachers are now using Fronter with some using it more regularly than others. It will take time to bed in and ideas were discussed as to how to ensure the new system is effectively used by all. There was discussion about the need to let parents know about the information they can access via Fronter.

Homework Policy – the need for a consistent approach to homework was discussed as well as the need to keep homework for each child in a folder so that parents can see this at parents evening.

- 2.3 Strand 3 – To Build on areas from 2011-12

Assessment for learning – the senior leadership are completing their observation and have found good use of questioning and building on prior learning is taking place. Over there are significant improvements in the quality of teaching

Writing, as in punctuation, structure and spelling still remains an issue for the school. The focus on marking and feedback is designed to improve levels of performance.

Sport – full provision of sport still remains an issue due to lack of resources. Additional hours for a part-time member of staff are being considered.

2.4 Strand 4 - Behaviour Management

The newly qualified teachers are being well supported and team meetings are being used to discuss any specific issues.

Action

- i) Use of Fronter to be discussed at next Curriculum meeting**
- ii) LE to check with all teachers as to what is happening about homework**

3. Attainment and Progress

Data for the summer term 2012 showed mostly good progress being made at all levels.

Year 6 the value added was above the national expectations at 100.7. Attainment in reading was very high and the gap closed between English and maths compared to previous years.

4. Next Meeting

4.1 Items for the agenda:

LE to review & update the Policies Schedule
Target setting

4.2 Date for next meeting

TBC