



Ysgol Glan Gele Parents Forum meeting

Held in the Staff Room – 7th December 2018

In Attendance

Ladybirds	Ceri Hardy	
Bumble Bees	Emma Hyde	
Koalas	Annette Leah	
Kangaroos	Tanya Parker	Apologies
Wombats	Jane McGregor & Louise Evans	
Owls	Leanne Osbourne	
Hedgehogs	Michelle Boyd	Apologies
Squirrels	Siobhan Williamson	
Bears		
Lions	Amy Constandine	
Tigers	Sarah Vinnell-Smith	

Head Teacher – Julia Buckley Jones

Family liaison – Mrs Rosemary Dodd

Minutes – Mandy Jacklin

Welcome

JBJ thanked all new parents for attending the meeting and accepting a role on the Parents' Forum. Each parent introduced themselves and class they were representing. JBJ explained the Parents' Forum meets once per half term to give parent's a voice. It was established in 2007 and since then it has been an invaluable tool in giving Parents a voice within Ysgol Glan Gele and in supporting school improvement. The meeting are held for parents to raise concerns and any worries they have and to give ideas of way of improving the school. Part of self-evaluation process is to have the opinions from parents. By working together we are happy to have constructive criticism as this helps improve the school.

Christmas Fair

JBJ asked parents how they found the Christmas Fair this year, each class was used this year rather than having everything in the hall. Parents gave positive comments about the Christmas Fair. SVS said she felt overwhelmed at first lots of people in the hall but much better in the classes. People were unsure where Father Christmas was and then had to queue outside the Community Cabin in the rain. It was suggested next year when the note goes home about the Christmas Fair to advise

parents where stalls and Father Christmas will be. JBJ suggested Father Christmas to go into the Nursery Classroom and then parents and children can wait in the warm.

All parents were happy with notifications for Christmas arrangements. JBJ advised class service times had been changed to after the come dine with me to make things easier for parents.

LE massively better having all the classroom used during the Christmas Fair. LE asked why the school was finishing on 20th December and others 21st, JBJ informed all schools had agreed to training day on 21st, the other schools have since changed their mind.

Young Explorers

JBJ gave an explanation of Young Explorers day, this being a day where teachers choose what topic they would like to cover and the children can then choose which teacher they would like to go too. Last year the year groups were all mixed up, children can choose first and second choice and go to the different classrooms. The next one which is on 18th January will be on stories or science. It was suggested information was on the newsletter and a blurb on the website as parents weren't aware what a Young Explorers Day is. JBJ suggested the next Parents Forum meeting to be held on 18th January and the parents could then experience a Young Explorers Day.

Inspire Maths

JBJ explained Inspire Maths is a whole-school maths programme that provides everything needed to support a mastery approach to teaching and learning mathematics, and meet the higher expectations of the National Curriculum. It follows world-leading pedagogy programme used in almost 100% of Singapore's state primary schools. The scheme is helping to improve standards, all the children are doing the same thing, same levels. Pupils get up to level, pupils on the level wait for others to catch up and whilst waiting master the level. Highlighter pens - positive pink and green for growth as used in workbooks. JBJ showed a practice book to the parents. SVS asked whether St Elfod have the inspire maths programme. SVS had attended the inspire maths training with Miss Murnane, JBJ explained the programme is based on Singapore maths who have the highest standard of maths in the world.

Family liaison

Mrs Dodd introduced herself as the Family Liaison officer and has had 7 years in the role at Glan Gele. The role has involved home visits for the new nursery pupils which has been beneficial to staff and good for children. The role also involves helping parents in crisis; can sign post to various places such as the family centre. There are many agencies working from the centre which also offers parenting courses and crèche facilities. RD recommended that we promote on the newsletter the stay and play sessions held in the centre. RD explained the school is in partnership with Itaca for food bank vouchers for families in need. RD advised workshops on Talks on sleep and behaviour are coming up these have been arranged with links with school nurse and health visitor. RD told parents workshops with family learning, craft sessions half day per year groups, maths and literacy activities have been popular and will held again in the new term.

Attendance and punctuality

RD explained attendance is a huge priority in Ysgol Glan Gele. Many parents and carers are shocked when they actually see how many days/hours are lost through poor attendance. A few days of non-attendance has a significant effect on percentage. Punctuality has a similar effect. If children do not arrive on time, a significant part of the curriculum is missed, reducing the chances of children reaching their potential. Each week during Golden Assembly a class is awarded the attendance award. This award is given to the class which achieves the highest overall attendance for the week.

RD advised parents are encouraged to let us know why a child off on that morning so this absence can be recorded. EH said her child had been unwell but had played out with water and came home with wet sleeves, RD advised if unwell mention to Miss Murnane and any child can stay inside.

RD thanked parents for attending the meeting.

Date of next meeting

18th January at 2.15pm and parents can see Young Explorers Day.