

Llanhari Primary Parent Council

"Together we
care, share
and achieve"



Please find below a copy of the minutes from our first Parent Council meeting of the year. Parent council members are happy to raise any questions and concerns you may have. Please feel free to speak to them about any issues raised in these minutes.

Minutes of meeting -4th October 2018

Present: Nisha Price (Class 3+7), Lynne Hill (Class 4+6), Gareth Emery (Class 6), (Class 3+4), Umanga Kandamby (Class 3), Siobhan Apperley (Class 1)

Apologies: Jodie Gibbons (Class 5), Hannah Pick (Class 2)

Agenda:

- School Development Plan
- School Vision
- Successful elements of the school
- Questions from parents

School Development Plan and vision

Targets for this year's school development plan were discussed with parents. Targets are decided following the schools self evaluation and assessment results. Areas for improvement are prioritised based on national initiatives and school identified needs. This year's targets are:

1. To develop the mastery of numbers in maths
2. To raise standards in Welsh
3. To develop the school as a learning organisation
4. To refine the 12 pedagogical principles

Parents discussed the content of the targets and how the school intends to implement them. Parents discussed how they could contribute to the work of the school this year and agreed to help the school to develop parental engagement in home tasks and courses. The parent council will start by developing a questionnaire for parents at the next meeting.

Successful elements of the school

Parents were asked to bring to the meeting any positive elements that they think the school does well. These included:

- The cookery classes

Questions from parents

Parent council members raised a number of questions and discussed issues of concern:

- Healthy Eating: Why were the school's healthy eating values ignored when cake was sold at breaktime? Could it have been sold at lunch time instead?
School response: Cakes were sold to raise money for a very worthwhile charity. Parents had been very generous in donating cakes on Friday and to simply throw them away would have been wasteful. Parents were given the option of giving their children money for a small cake at breaktime and it was made clear that fruit would still be on sale. If we had sold them at lunch time they wouldn't have been any healthier. We have raised over £175 for MacMillan this year.
- Cookery: Can there be a fairer way of choosing children for the cookery classes?
School response: It is very difficult to devise a completely fair system. We thought long and hard on the best way to do it and 'first come first served' seemed the fairest. However, those pupils that did not get on the course this term have been automatically put on the list for next term. The remaining spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis and not to those who have already done the course this term.
- Dinner money: Can parents see their dinner money balance on the online payments?
School response: Unfortunately this is not available. It is however, being developed by the local authority following feedback from schools. Mrs Shipman will be able to give parents an up to date balance on request.
- Swimming: When are the junior children swimming?
School response: All four junior classes will be swimming in the summer term.
- Llangrannog: Are year 5 and 6 going to Llangrannog this year?
School response: Yes, we are awaiting dates from Llangrannog and will send letters out as soon as possible.

Next meeting:

Date of next meeting: Monday 26th November 2018