



# Victoria Primary School Annual Governors' Report to Parents 2009 / 2010



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As Chairperson of the Governing Body I am pleased and proud to present the Report to Parents 2009 - 2010

It is evident from the report that the academic and social life at Victoria School flourishes and prospers for the benefit of all concerned within the school. We continue to value your support and involvement in our School Community.

Please attend the meeting in January and use the opportunity to meet the governors and put forward your response to the annual report. This meeting will be combined with a parent information session on Big Writing and the Power of Talk by the senior leadership team.

No resolutions were passed at last year's meeting.

I look forward to meeting you on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January.

C M O'Callaghan

### **1. Invitation to meet Governors**

Representatives of the Governing Body will be available to discuss the Annual report on Tuesday January 18th 2011 at 7.00 pm in the Upper Hall.

#### Agenda

1. Presentation of the Annual Report to parents.
2. Big Writing and the Power of Talk.

How the school aims to improve standards in writing and how parents can help their children improve.

## 2. The School's Governing Body and their terms of office

The Chair of the Governing Body is a Community governor appointed by the governing body. The date that follows each name signifies end of term on the governing body.

Ms. Christine O'Callaghan, 50, Baron Road, Penarth. 29.09.2013

Vice chair is an LEA appointee

Mrs. Janice Birch, 10, Victoria Square, Penarth 28.02.2011

Other Members of the Governing Body:-

### LEA representatives

Cllr Mark Wilson 02.11.2013

Mr. Peter Charles 19.09.2014

Mrs. Amanda Reynolds 28.02.2011

Cllr. John Fraser 15.05.2012

### Parent governors elected by the parents of the school.

Mrs. Rebecca Connor 12.10. 2014

Mrs. Nicky Lacey 12.10.2014

Mrs. Kara Richards 18.09.2011

Mrs. Rachel Miles 22.09.2013

Mr. Nick Skinner 17.09.2012

### Community Governors appointed by the governing body

Mrs. Ruth Ferrier 26.06.2011

Miss Janette Minns 21.09.2013

Vacancy

### Teacher governors elected by the school staff

Mr. Simon Husband 01.02.2011

Mrs. Helen Kerr 26.03.2011

Non teaching Staff governor elected by the non-teaching staff.

Mrs. Clare Price

18.09.2011

Head teacher

Mrs. T. Taylor.

Clerk to the Governors; Mrs. H. Moreton, School Office

The full governing body meet twice each term and at each meeting the head teacher's report forms the key focus for discussion. Sub committees meet prior to each meeting and on additional dates as and when appropriate.

No travelling or subsistence allowances were paid to members of the governing body in the last financial year.

**3. Next Election of Parent Governors**

When a vacancy exists for a parent representative on the Governing Body, all parents and guardians of pupils in the school will be informed. Should the number proposed exceed the vacancy a ballot will be held

The next election for a Parent Governor place on the Governing Body will be held in September 2011.

**4. Financial Statement**

Financial out-turn for 2009 / 2010 indicating how the school budget was spent.

EMPLOYEES	1049787
PREMISES RELATED COSTS	80089
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	50605
CENTRAL SERVICES	7849
INCOME & GRANTS	92898
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	70685
NET CONTROLLABLE EXPENDITURE	1070888

Governors' Amended Budget for 2009/2010

EMPLOYEES	1183667
PREMISES RELATED EXPENDITURE	102665
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	33408
SUPPORT SERVICES	9507
GROSS EXPENDITURE	1309237
INCOME	123175
NETT CONTROLLABLE EXPENDITURE	1186062

## 5. SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our learning goal is to ignite our curiosity, motivate, challenge and inspire us so that together we aim for the stars.

### SCHOOL AIMS

We will experience a curriculum which will be challenging, fun and motivate us to develop our skills for lifelong learning.

We are a community that cares for each other and ourselves. We respect other peoples' views and achievements and celebrate our individuality.

As global citizens we respect our community and the world to which we belong; caring and contributing to a sustainable future.

Our positive school environment encourages everyone to achieve their goals through equality in all aspects of school life.

We expect the parents, governors and all members of our school community to support and guide us on our journey to the stars.

## 6 Progress since the last inspection held in June 2009

Key issues of improving bilingualism and ensuring more problem solving opportunities for KS2 are continuing to be addressed through school improvement planning.

Good progress was made in all school improvement priorities last year; any that need to be continued are included in the priorities for this year.

Please see priorities below, full school improvement plan is available to read on line or hard copy with the head teacher.

## **School Improvement Priorities 2010 / 2011**

### **KEY AREA 1: Standards - ARR**

To ensure that pupils understand the purpose of assessment and are involved in planning their own progress and improvement thus impacting on raising standards.

### **KEY AREA 1: Outcomes and Wellbeing**

To enable all children to develop their full potential by acquiring skills, knowledge, understanding and attitudes, including personal, social and emotional skills

### **KEY AREA 1: Standards - Literacy**

To raise standards of attainment in writing across the age phases ensuring the gender gap is addressed through more focused writing experiences.

### **KEY AREA 1: Standards– Welsh language development**

To further develop the learning of English and Welsh together across the curriculum.

### **KEY AREA 2: Provision - Curriculum and Teaching**

To ensure the curriculum is focused on and adapted to identified pupils' needs and interests that enhance independent learning and that it is presented in innovative ways through a variety of media.

### **KEY AREA 2: Provision - Mathematics**

To raise the achievements of **M**ore **A**ble and **T**alented pupils in mathematics by taking problem solving out of the mathematics lesson.

### **KEY AREA 3: Leadership**

To establish networks of professional practice that will develop the professional capacity of all staff in the school.

## **8. Community Links**

The School Community

The immediate school community continues to enjoy wonderful parental support with about 40 parents regularly involved in supporting group reading, learning and teaching sessions in different classes, 1:1 reading support, cookery, craft, gardening and sports. Many more offer their time to support the many educational trips that the children so enjoy. Their time and commitment is gratefully appreciated by all children, staff and governors.

This year's school parent teacher association raised around £9000 thanks to the hard work of the organising committee and the support of parents and all the school staff. The money has been put towards laptops for the Infant department. There has also been support for trips, activities and other small items of equipment purchased.

### **The Local Community.**

The school continues to maintain strong community links with local businesses and industry.

Local businesses on Cornerswell Road and in the town centre are wonderful supporters of all school events, including donations for raffles etc. as well as attending functions and communicating effectively with the school.

Penarth Travel rewards the school for any holidays booked at their office. Local banks have supported events by match funding amounts raised by their employees who are parents of pupils at the school.

Local clergy visit to take assemblies and local residents have been invited to talk to the children about wartime experiences. Several after school clubs are led by local community residents who use their expertise to enrich the school curriculum available to the pupils.

Pupils make great use of the wealth of resources available in Penarth.

### **9. School Prospectus**

The school prospectus is available on the school website [www.victoriaprimary.co.uk](http://www.victoriaprimary.co.uk) and hard copies can be ordered from the school office. The prospectus is updated at least once a year and more often if there are significant changes that need to be recorded. **Much of the information found in this report could be duplicated in the prospectus so both are published together to avoid unnecessary duplication and publishing costs.**

### **10. School Inclusion Policy / Disability Discrimination Policy and Access Plan / Equal Opportunities and Racial Equality.**

All the above policies have been produced and are available to read on the school website or at the school office. All policies are agreed by the governing body but we are always open to suggestions from parents. We review school policies annually and may amend documentation in response to your comments. Please e-mail the office or arrange

to meet with myself or a member of the governing body if you have any queries or comments.

### 11. School Policies

**A full list of school policies can be found on the school website or viewed at the school office.**

We review school policies annually and may amend documentation in response to your comments. Please e-mail the office or arrange to meet with myself or a member of the governing body if you have any queries or comments.

Currently the governing body are looking at the administration of medicine and safeguarding pupils. Both draft policies will be available for consultation in the new year and parents will be informed of the publication date.

### 12. Term Dates and Sessions

**Morning nursery 8.55 – 11.25      Afternoon nursery 1.00 – 3.30**

**Reception pupils 8.55 – 3.25      Year 1 and Year 2 8.55 – 3.30**

**All junior pupils 8.55 – 3.30**

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2010/2011

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2010	Monday 6 Sept 2010	Monday 25 Oct 2010	Friday 29 Oct 2010	Friday 17 Dec 2010	70
Spring 2011	Tuesday 4 Jan 2011	Monday 21 Feb 2011	Friday 25 Feb 2011	Friday 15 April 2011	69
Summer 2011	Tuesday 3 May 2011	Monday 30 May 2011	Friday 3 June 2011	*Tuesday 26 July 2011	56
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>195</b>

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- i) **Monday 6 September 2010, \*Monday 25 and \*Tuesday 26 July 2011** will be designated INSET days for **all** LEA Maintained Schools. All schools will be closed on **Monday 2 May 2011** for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates:	Christmas	Saturday 25 December 2010
	New Year Bank Holiday	Monday 3 January 2011
	Easter	Good Friday 22 April 2011 Easter Monday 25 April 2011
	May Bank Holidays	Monday 2 May 2011 Monday 30 May 2011

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2011/2012**

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2011	Monday 5 Sept 2011	Monday 24 Oct 2011	Friday 28 Oct 2011	Friday 16 Dec 2011	70
Spring 2012	Tuesday 3 Jan 2012	Monday 13 Feb 2012	Friday 17 Feb 2012	Thursday 5 April 2012	63
Summer 2012	Monday 23 April 2012	Monday 4 June 2012	Friday 8 June 2012	*Tues 24 July 2012	61
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All schools will be closed on **Monday 7 May 2012** for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates:	Christmas	Sunday 25 December 2011
	New Year Bank Holiday	Monday 2 January 2012
	Easter	Good Friday 6 April 2012 Easter Monday 9 April 2012
	May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 7 May 2012
	Whitsun Bank Holiday	Monday 4 June 2012
	Queen's Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday	Tuesday 5 June 2012 (one off)

### 13. School Council

The school council was set up and it was gratifying to see so many pupils standing for election.

Class representatives serve for the whole year to allow more consistency and continuity. Meetings will be held once a month before school additional meetings at lunch time as and when needed.

They have worked well with staff and prompted some good initiatives and enjoyed some very valuable discussions.

Fundraising for Comic Relief and Lesotho

Working alongside the Eco-committee to renew Green Flag Status

Playground board – Aim for the Stars

Healthy schools cooking resources

We hope that our school council will meet others from schools in Penarth to share good practice.

**14. School Performance**

Comparisons between the school, the local authority and the whole of Wales's results. CSI stands for Core Subject Indicator and means the number of children who gained level 2 or above in all three core subjects.

KS1 Pupils who were in year 2 in 2009 / 2010

	ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	CSI
SCHOOL	98%	96%	100%	96%
VALE	88%	92%	94%	88%
WALES	82%	88%	90%	82%

Comparisons between the school, the local authority and the whole of Wales's results. CSI stands for Core Subject Indicator and means the number of children who gained level 4 or above in all three core subjects.

KS2 Pupils who were in year 6 in 2009 / 2010

	ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	CSI
SCHOOL	90%	95%	93%	86%
VALE	88%	88%	90%	84%
WALES	82%	84%	86%	78%

The school continues to perform above the county and national averages in both key stages. Staff and governors will strive to maintain these high standards of achievement.

**15. Target Setting**

**Key Stage 1**

<b><u>School estimates for:</u></b>	<b>2011</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
<u>No. &amp; % achieving Level 2+ English</u>	47	89
<u>No. &amp; % achieving Level 2+ Maths</u>	50	94
<u>No. &amp; % achieving Level 2+ Science</u>	52	98
<u>No. &amp; % achieving Level 2+ CSI</u>	46	87
<u>Total no. of pupils in cohort</u>	53	

**Key Stage 2**

<b><u>School Estimates for: -</u></b>	<b>2011</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
<u>No. &amp; % achieving Level 4+ English</u>	53	88
<u>No. &amp; % achieving Level 4+ Maths</u>	57	95
<u>No. &amp; % achieving Level 4+ Science</u>	58	97
<u>No. &amp; % achieving Level 4+ CSI</u>	52	87
<u>Total no. of pupils in cohort</u>	60	

**16. Attendance Data**

The school continues to achieve very good attendance rates throughout the year. The school has effective procedures for monitoring pupils' punctuality, attendance, behaviour and performance.

Attendance averages for each term are:

Autumn Term 2009	94.4 %.
Spring Term 2010	93.9 %
Summer Term 2010	94.7 %

Our spring term figure reflects the numbers of pupils who were affected by illness in the very cold start to 2010.

Parents appreciate the need to contact us to inform us of illnesses and therefore the unauthorised absence rate is very low. We are grateful for this and ask that parents continue in this efficient manner.

**PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY OF ABSENCE**

Please see our attendance policy on the website for further information.

Thank you for reading this report, please take the opportunity to meet the governors and respond to this report at our meeting at 7.00pm in the Upper hall on Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2011.