

Parents In Partnership (PIP) Meeting – Thursday 14th June 2012



Minutes of the Meeting

Apologies: Maggie Bowyer, Sharon Murdoch

1) The Year Ahead – Ofsted and the leadership team – growing from strength to strength

- The school is due a HMI Ofsted inspection in Term 6. This will be the usual format – two day notice and a full 2 day inspection.
- We are looking forward to sharing the school developments since the Term 4 inspection. We feel confident that the school is moving forward at a pace with good outcomes for children.
- Following the appointment of Miss Bertham as the substantive Head Teacher, the Governors have now appointed Mr Williams as Deputy Head. Mrs Cottis will remain as Assistant Head until she retires in December 2012. We have also appointed 4 Senior Teachers with TLRs (Teaching and Learning Responsibilities within the leadership Team). These are Miss Lazenby, Mr Baker, Mrs Walker and Mrs Hale. Mrs Isaac will continue working with the school for one day per week from Sept – Dec 2012.

2) Cultural and Sporting Olympiad

- There was a positive response to sports day and all the cultural and sporting Olympiad events that have taken place during terms 5 and 6.
- There are strong links between all the primary and secondary schools in the MaD (Mangotsfield and Downend) cluster.
- There is a track and field event at Pomphrey Hill on 28th June for all Year 2 children and 10 children from each KS2 year group.
- We would like to continue similar events within the MaD cluster next year.

3) Feedback from E-Safety Packs

- Our PIP group have spent time looking at the parents E-Safety resource pack. It was felt the information was useful but that there was an awful lot in the packs for parents to digest! It was felt the children's pack was excellent.
- We would like to try and order some more E-Safety packs – there may be a cost involved?
- We have a parents/carers E-Safety meeting booked for late September/early October and we think this will be a good way of getting information to parents.
- We have lots of information about E-Safety on our school website.

4) Travel Plan Update

- Mrs Tromans gave an update about work from the Travel Plan Committee. Minutes from this meeting are available on the website and were circulated at the PIP meeting.
- We are the poor relations in comparison to other schools with regards to safety barriers and other traffic calming measures. A PowerPoint with photographs of other school traffic calming measures was put together for the Travel Plan group.
- The group is planning to prioritise the traffic calming initiatives and push for something achievable. E.g. more barriers, 20 MPH speed limit.

5) The Library and Reading Rangers

- The library project is well underway. Next developments will include a digital scanning system and more fiction books.
- £3000 has already been spent on new books – mainly non fiction as the Bristol Library Service did a full audit and we have filled lots of gaps.
- We are keen to secure more funding for the library – sponsor a book at the summer fair, £10,000 lottery funds for all grant (Mrs Tromans and Mrs Tucker offered to help fill out the form with Mrs Fishlock and Miss Bertham)
- There is a Hasbro grant for soft toys – Hayley Robins is writing to them.
- If anyone works for Argos (or knows anyone who does) they can apply for a community grant/volunteer project.
- We have just had 'Friends Life' volunteers come into school with parent volunteers to paint the gym. It looks fantastic and is a real fresh look for this area.
- We are planning to launch a reading Rangers volunteer project – parent helpers (or possibly retired people) to come into school (8.45 – 9.15am or 2.45 – 3.10pm) to hear readers daily. The school will provide some training for helping children to progress in reading.
- We will be holding reading workshops for parents/carers in terms 1 and 2. This will include how we hear readers in school and explain how guided reading works.

6) Homework

- Pick and Mix is working well and the children are still enjoying the wide range of activities and the flexibility.
- We still need to ensure consistency with spellings – the school held an inset day at the end of term 5 which focused on spelling and handwriting across the school.
- The family challenges of the Olympic Torch and Queens crown have captured the children's creativity!

7) PIP Membership

- All parents at the meeting would like to continue being a part of PIP group. We already have some volunteers for the new Reception intake. It was agreed that Reps would move up with their children and represent the new class. In September newsletter we will promote the membership and add the child's name next to the parents name to help parents identify who is on the PIP group.

Suggestions for next meeting

- Handwriting and spelling policies
- Reading Rangers parents leaflet and further information
- School lunches – possible parent visits?
- Fundraising/grant ideas for the year ahead