

**St. Winefride's Primary
School**

**GOVERNORS' REPORT TO
PARENTS**

End of School Year 2014/15



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Chair's Introduction

Welcome to the St. Winefride's Catholic Primary School Annual Report for end of the 2014/2015 school year.

The governors come from various backgrounds and perspectives. Some of them are St. Winefride's parents, while others are appointed by the Diocese of Brentwood or by the Local Education Authority and there are also three staff governors. They work very closely with Mr. Underwood and the whole staff to see that St. Winefride's offers the best education possible for your children. The governors set and oversee the various policies that guide the school toward fulfilling its aims and objectives.

One of the central concerns of the governors is the safety and welfare of the children at St. Winefride's. Therefore we undertake regular training so that we can learn how to make safety a reality in our school.

Education has been in the headlines almost constantly in the past two or three years. A major change affecting the school was the introduction of a new curriculum for the start of the 2014/2015 school year. The governors, Head Teacher and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and staff spent many hours planning for its introduction. This has meant that the children should not have noticed anything different at all in how they were taught, indeed it appears to have been a seamless transition.

The introduction of *Target Tracker* has helped enormously with ensuring all the children achieve the best that they can. Constant assessment means that it is almost impossible for any child's improvement to drop without being noticed and assistance being given to put them back

on track. The change in how SATs are being recorded has involved many more hours of organisation and preparation but again the children should not even notice what is happening.

I recommend that you spend some time reading this report, taking special note of the results section that show that every child in Year 6 achieved a Level 4 in Reading, Writing and Maths, for a third year in a row, an achievement that makes all of us connected to the school very proud.

As you read through the report you will see that a lot of work has gone into it. The governors hope that you find it interesting and informative. If you any questions after reading the report, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please contact us via the school office or by email at info@st-winefrides.newham.sch.uk.

We are working hard to ensure that St. Winefride's continues to be a school that we can all be proud of. Thank you for your support of the school.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Tony Fernandes', written in a cursive style.

Tony Fernandes.
Chair of Governors

The Members of the Governing Body

The Governing body is made up of different types of governor as mentioned above. There are eight Foundation governors, who are appointed by the Diocese of Brentwood. Foundation Governors are only allowed to serve two consecutive terms of five years and then must 'rest' for a term and are only allowed to serve three terms altogether. There are two Parent Governors who are elected in a vote by the parents of the school when a vacancy arises. Many of our Foundation Governors were originally Parent Governors. There is one Authority Governor, who is appointed by the local authority, in our case the London borough of Newham (LBN). Finally there are three Staff Governors, the Head Teacher, a member of the teaching staff and a member of the support staff. The Head Teacher is always a member of the Governing Body and therefore has no fixed term of office on the Governing Body.

There is also a clerk to the governing body who is supplied by the LBN Governors Services department. The clerk takes the minutes of the meetings and may advise the Governing Body on points of statutory legislation and council policy but may not vote nor propose or second any motion.

Opposite is a list of the members of the governing Body along with the dates that their current term expires.

Foundation Governors:

Fr Sean Connolly

Mrs Diane Edgar

Mr Dave Graves (Vice-Chair)

Miss Kathleen Monaghan

Ms Imelda Sotto

Mr David Savin

Mrs Marion McPhillips

Mr Perry Lynch

Parent Governors:

Mr Peter Duru

Mr Javed Sadiq

Authority Governor:

Mr Tony Fernandes (Chair)

Staff Governors:

Mr Paul Underwood (Head Teacher)

Ms Loretto Rider (Support Staff)

Mr Éanna McAteer (Teaching Staff)

Clerk to the Governors:

Ms Alix Williams

Governors' Report

It's has been another action packed year for everyone at St. Winefride's. There have been changes to our staff team, further improvements to our playground, with the surface almost totally covered in protective material in addition to the Climbing Wall and the newly refurbished and repositioned toilet block. The building work, which your School fund helps to pay for, has also seen the creation of a new classroom and a purpose built storeroom for the dining hall tables.

The New Curriculum is firmly in place, which was greatly aided by the fact the school uses the International Primary Curriculum which the school management had the foresight to implement several years. Our extra-curricular provision goes from strength to strength with our breakfast club becoming firmly established and many after school clubs offered to the children. The before school sports clubs are proving to be extremely popular and this has helped to create over 200 places for children to enjoy extracurricular activities.

Staff

During the year we welcomed four new members of teaching staff, Miss Nazar (Schools Direct Placement) Class 5, Miss Egan in Class 8, and Ms Muhesi, Mrs Agyemang. Sadly Miss Batchu left us for pastures new.

Curriculum and Learning Initiatives

The new curriculum (NC) is now fully implemented across all subjects and this has meant that we have now switched from using the IPC as, although it helped to introduce the NC, in doing so it made itself redundant! We continue to use Target Tracker and also continue to implement Assessment for Learning (AfL). The new scheme of work for PE has proved to be a success, although it has required 'tweaking' to make it fit the requirements of the school more closely. The assessment tool has however proved in valuable. We have employed specialist tennis coaches and this has proved to be highly successful with all the children enjoying the sessions immensely and the vast majority achieving the targets set out by the NC.

There have been lots of enrichment activities/opportunities for our children this year. We have seen the school compete in football, handball and basketball tournaments, our cricket team continued to improve, we won a record number of medals in the inter primary school sports day. We also entered the whole of Class 9 into a Triathlon and the whole of Year 3 & 4 into a 2k run where they met British Olympic medal winning athletes Colin Jackson and Daley Thompson.

Our collaboration with Bow Arts continued and led to the willow sculpture in the quiet area of the playground and of course, the achievements of our choir continue to delight and amaze us and credit must go to the children and Ms Gentenaar. One of the highlights for the choir was recording a song in the famous Abbey Road Studios!

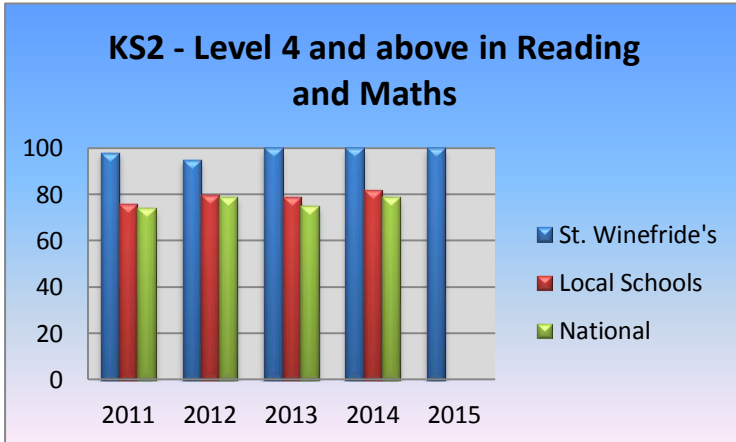
We were also delighted to note that our previous Year 6 cohort achieved fantastic results that saw St. Winefride's ranked the top school in Newham, for the second consecutive year, an achievement we are extremely proud of.

Assessment

We are continuing to monitor and assess the children's progress - using AfL and Target Tracker - to help them achieve the best possible results in their statutory tests and give them the best start possible in both their school lives and beyond. We are also looking at how to teach the children most effectively during their teachers' Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA). This year we continued to use a specialist music teacher and Spanish teacher to help the children learn new skills.

RESULTS

As ever the children continue to produce wonderful academic results, opposite is a graph showing the number of children achieving Level 4 and above in both the Reading and Mathematics SATs over the last five years. As you can see the children at St. Winefride's have consistently scored higher than other schools in LBN and also higher than the national average.



Note: The scores for other Local authority schools (in red) and the national average (in green) are not yet available for 2015 (and yes we did score 100% in both Reading and Maths for the third year running!)

Other Achievements

Along with the exceptional KS2 results our younger children in KS1 performed extremely well, with scores in Reading (98%) and Writing (93%) being 7% higher than the National Average (NA) and Maths (96%) 3% higher than NA. Added to this was the new Phonics Screening of our youngest children, who achieved a remarkable 91% compared to the last year's exceptional score of 83%.

We are also one of a very limited number of schools that have been awarded membership of the Mayor of London's Gold Club for the highest achieving schools for the second year in a row.

Expansion Prospects

As mentioned last year we are still investigating ways of expanding the school to be able to take an additional 15

pupils a year so we can become a two form entry school. As yet we are still a long way from doing so, although the alterations noted above will start to make it a reality. If all goes well we could be welcoming our 'extra' children within a couple of years.

Parent Teacher Association

Of course we cannot end this round up without mentioning the wonderful efforts of our PTA this year. The School Fete was a fantastic success, with the weather helping us this year! Once again over £2,000 was collected on the day and after paying for the Bouncy Castles and rides there was still about a thousand pounds left in the kitty. If you would like to help out and be more involved in the PTA please call in at the school office and leave your details.

Once again thank you for your support during the year and we look forward to another successful year in 2015/2016.

Here's to the future and all it holds!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Underwood', with a large, sweeping initial 'P' and a horizontal line at the end.

**Paul Underwood, Head Teacher and the Governing Body of
St. Winefride's Primary School.**