



Risca Primary School



Summary Report to Parents Year Ending July 2018

Dear Parents,

This has been yet another highly successful year for the school. We are consistently in the top quartile of primary schools with those we are measured against and the school is visited by others because we are deemed to be an exemplar of good practice. This achievement has been possible because the school is well-led and managed, the staff is highly motivated and enthusiastic and the pupils work hard.

Nevertheless, with the new changes taking place in educational practice and an increased focus on education by the Welsh Government we cannot rest on our laurels. The staff are constantly searching for the best ways to deliver the curriculum, develop pupil knowledge and understanding of the world, and to give them the best possible start in life. This aspiration calls for the highest professional standards and an excellent spirit of dedication. We can all be extremely proud of the achievements of the school knowing that pupils are receiving good education and the best possible pastoral care throughout. I commend this report to you all and thank you for continuing to support the school.

Ffion Green

Chair of Governors (Risca Primary School, Dan-y-Graig Road, Risca)

Our School Governors

Mrs Ffion Green (Chair)	Co-opted/ Community Representative
Mrs Jayne Arthur	Headteacher
Mrs Helen King	Deputy Headteacher
Miss Natalie Gingell	Co-opted/ Community Representative
Rev Martyn Evans	LEA Representative
Mrs Hazel Dupre	LEA Representative
Mr Bob Owen	LEA Representative
Mr Gareth Cooper	Parent Representative
Ms Victoria Hobbs	Parent Representative
Ms Kellie Tipler	Parent Representative
Mrs Tracey May	Parent Representative
Mr Simon Smith	Parent Representative
Mrs Chloe Wilson	Teacher Representative
Mrs Nicola Rees	Teacher Representative
Mrs Maria Rees	Staff Representative

Clerk to Governors

Dave Hutchings
Senior Governor Support Officer
Tredomen House
Ystrad Mynach
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Attendance Figures

September 2017-July 2018

School Target **95.3%**
Actual Attendance **93.9%**

PTA

The PTA raised money through non-uniform days, the sale of photographs from our year 6 leavers party, cinema nights and finally from the Christmas Bazaar.

The monies raised enabled us to provide each year 6 child with a gift of a dictionary on leaving us, we were able to fund a Leavers' Party, too.

Community Links

We continue to have excellent links with our local community officer. PC George visits our school regularly and delivers lessons to all of our pupils as well as Rev Martyn who delivers frequent assemblies.

At the end of the **Foundation Phase (FP = Rec-Yr2)**, children are given an assessment **outcome** for Maths (MMD), English (LLC) and Personal & Social Development (PSD).

These assessments are then sent to the Welsh Government. The school is compared to the Local Authority (LA) and Wales.

The **Foundation Phase Indicator (FPI)** shows the % of pupils achieving the expected outcome in Maths (MMD), English (LLC) **and** Personal and Social Development (PSD) in the FP.

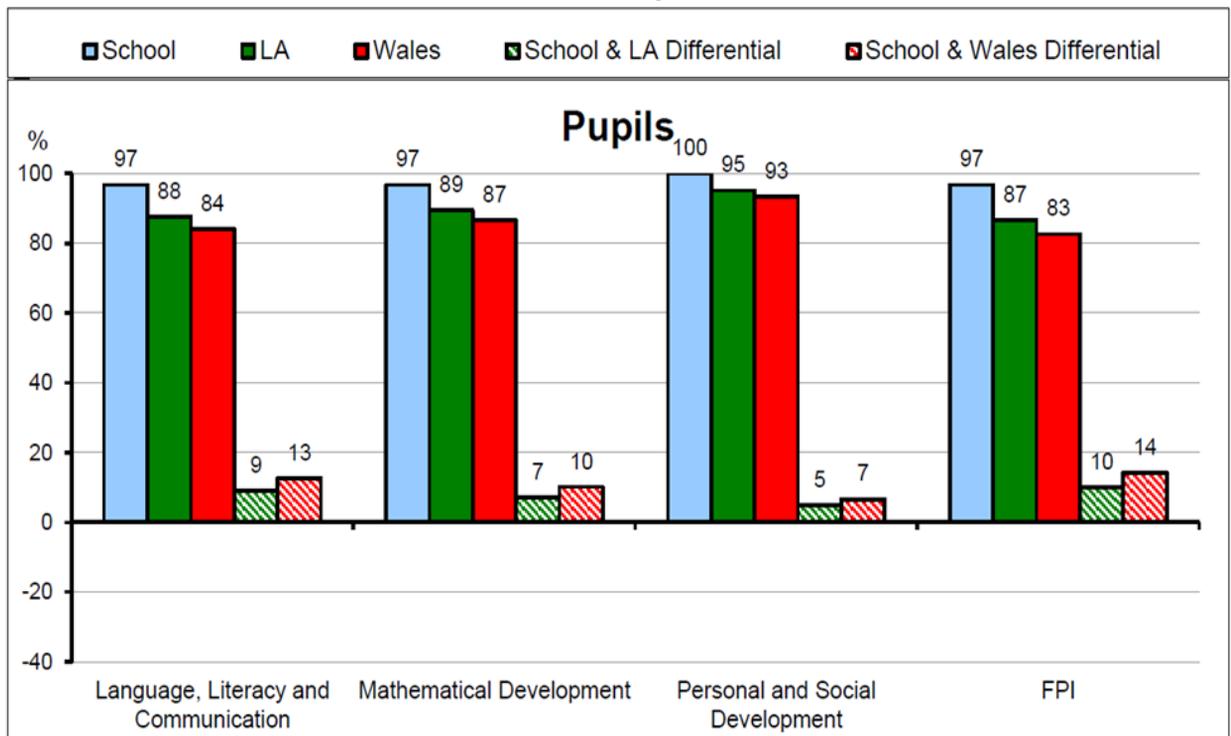
Foundation Phase Results

The school's performance compared to the previous year.				
Outcome 5+				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
LLC	97%	93.3%	100%	97%
MMD	97%	93.3%	100%	97%
PSE	97%	93.3%	100%	100%

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School Profile - Foundation Phase

Foundation Phase subjects: Outcome 5+



At the end of **Key Stage 2 (KS2 = Yr3-Yr6)**, children are given an assessment **level** for Maths, English, Science and Welsh.

These assessments are then sent to the Welsh Government. The school is compared to the Local Authority (LA) and Wales.

The **Core Subject Indicator (CSI)** shows the % of pupils achieving the expected level in Maths, English and Science in KS2.

Key Stage 2 Results

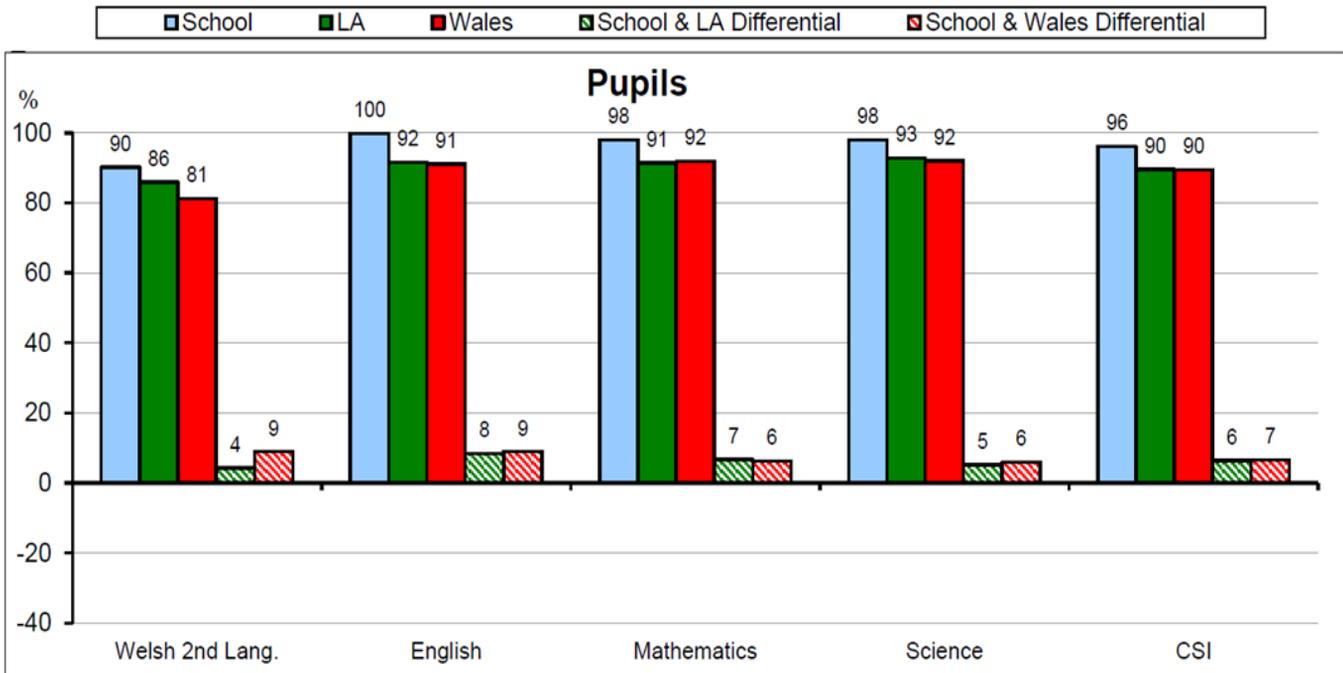
**The school's performance compared to the previous year
Level 4 +**

	2015	2016	2017	2018
English	96%	94%	94%	100%
Maths	91%	90%	94%	98%
Science	100%	98%	94%	98%
Welsh	85%	88%	83%	90%

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School Profile - Key Stage 2

Core subjects and CSI: Level 4+



ALN Provision

At Risca Primary we recognise that all children are individuals with individual needs. Children with **Additional Learning Needs** are fully integrated into a mainstream setting. We monitor the progress of pupils to identify needs and to provide support where necessary. **ALN** support is primarily delivered by class teachers through differentiated teaching methods. Pupils who require extra support to 'boost' their levels of achievement are provided with support for Maths and Literacy.

Individual Education Plans (IEPs) may be produced by the class teacher and child. The IEP is agreed with the **Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNCo)** and parents, who then receive a copy. Support staff, class teachers, **ALNCo** and outside agencies liaise and share developments in order to inform reviews and forward planning.

Support can be introduced at an '**Early Intervention**' stage. Children with more specific needs may be identified as being '**School Action**', '**School Action+**' or '**Statemented**'. An Additional Needs Register records the children at each stage.

Our School Aims

- *We will create a happy, vibrant and interesting school that is welcoming and safe for all.*
- *We will provide a balanced, inspiring and fun curriculum, which is supportive, challenging and relevant to all children.*
- *We will encourage a love of learning, and develop children's life skills, which they can carry forward into future learning experiences.*
- *We will ensure that all children are treated equally and fairly in all aspects of school life, to allow them to reach their full potential.*
- *We will celebrate our similarities and differences, and treat everyone with kindness and respect.*
- *We will all take responsibility to care for our world and all who live in it.*
- *Staff will work together to develop a supportive and hardworking team, one that encourages co-operation and respect.*
- *Our school will foster a supportive partnership with parents and the wider community by keeping everyone informed and involved.*

Welsh

Risca Primary School is an English medium school. All teachers have received up to date training for teaching Welsh and appropriate time is timetabled each week to allow for the development of Welsh as a second language.

Healthy Schools

Risca Primary School is a Healthy School. We sell fruit at break time and encourage all children to bring balanced healthy lunchboxes. Children have access to water throughout the day. Foundation Phase children have milk provided. A Healthy Week is planned and dedicated each year in conjunction with 'Sports Day'.

Sport News: Netball / Football and Rugby

Our school sports clubs are designed to be interesting, fun and enjoyable for all children involved. This year the children have been training hard throughout the year in Netball, Football and Rugby clubs. A focus has been put on the children learning new skills for the specific sports and developing the their existing ones.

Many participants of these clubs are also member of local clubs outside of school that bring in and share new information and techniques.

No meeting was held for parents this year under Section 94 of the School Standards and Organisation ((Wales) Act 2013. This is the annual summary report; full report available on request.

ANNEX

Community Links

Once again Risca Primary School forged good links with our community. Our choir was particularly successful this year. It sang with the Risca male Voice Choir, and sang at the Barnardos fundraising event. Both concerts were held in the school hall. Our choir also visited Twyncarn Day Care Centre at Christmas to sing Christmas songs to the residents. The choir also sang at the Christian Aid service which was held at Danygraig Church.

In conjunction with the Community Council our pupils took part in a competition to design a war memorial badge. We were very pleased that one of our pupils won the competition and we are looking forward to Risca Residents wearing the badge very soon.

In supporting charities we also enlisted the support of our community by hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning which was well attended by a number of our parents.

Disabled Access To School

Risca Primary School continues to be fully accessible to pupils with additional needs. In order to strengthen access to school a new fully automated door has been fitted with push button access.

School Policies

All statutory policies and documents were reviewed September 2015.

School Prospectus

No significant changes were made to the school prospectus.

Term Dates and Times

2018/19	Term Starts	Half term Starts	Half term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Mon 3 rd Sept 2018	Mon 29 th Oct 2018	Fri 2 nd Nov 2018	Fri 21 st Dec 2018
Spring	Mon 7 th Jan 2019	Mon 25 th Feb 2019	Fri 1 st Mar 2019	Fri 12 th Apr 2019
Summer	Mon 29 th Apr 2019	Mon 27 th May 2019	Fri 31 st May 2019	Mon 22 nd July 2019

2019/20	Term Starts	Half term Starts	Half term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Mon 2 nd Sept 2019	Mon 28 th Oct 2019	Fri 1 st Nov 2019	Fri 20 th Dec 2018
Spring	Mon 6 th Jan 2020	Mon 17 th Feb 2020	Fri 21 st Feb 2020	Fri 3 rd Apr 2020
Summer	Mon 20 th Apr 2020	Mon 25 th May 2020	Fri 29 th May 2020	Mon 20 th July 2020

School Session Times

	Session Times	Teaching Time	Recommended teaching time
Nursery	8.50-11.20		
Foundation Phase	8.50-11.50 12.50-3.10	23 hours 45 mins	21 hours
KS2	8.50-11.50 12.50-3.10	23 hours 45 mins	23 hours 30 mins
End of term	School closes early at 1.30 pm		

Financial Statement

Financial Overview	
Total Funding	980, 819
Net Expenditure	912, 599
Surplus	68, 220
Breakdown of Expenditure	
Employees	856, 966
Premises Related	111, 220
Supplies and Services	51, 677
Service Level Agreements	26, 283
School Development Plans	43, 871
Income	177, 418