



Risca Primary School



Summary Report to Parents Year Ending July 2017

Dear Parents,

This has been 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, the pupils work hard and are ably supported by parents.

Nevertheless, with 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 way to deliver the curriculum and give pupils the best possible start in life. This aspiration calls for the highest professional standards and an excellent spirit of dedication to the task in hand. We can all be extremely proud of the achievements of the school knowing that pupils are receiving a fine education and the best possible pastoral care. I commend this report to you all and thank you for continuing to support the school.

Venerable John Blackburn CB QHC BA BSc FRSA
Chair of Governors (Risca Primary School, Dan-y-Graig Road, Risca)

Our School Governors

The Ven. John Blackburn (Chair)	Co-opted/ Community Representative
Mrs Jayne Arthur	Headteacher
Mrs Helen King	Deputy Headteacher
Mrs Ffion Green	Co-opted/ Community Representative
Mr Grant Robson	Co-opted/ Community Representative
Mrs Lori Coles	Co-opted/ Community Representative
Mrs Christina Woodward	Co-opted/ Community Representative
Rev Martyn Evans	LEA Representative
Mrs Hazel Dupre	LEA Representative
Mr Gareth Cooper	Parent Representative
Miss Natalie Gingell	Parent Representative
Mrs Nicci Timms	Parent Representative
Mr Simon Smith	Parent Representative
Mrs Chloe Wilson	Teacher Representative
Mrs Cath Sherrington	Teacher Representative
Mrs Maria Dickenson	Staff Representative

Clerk to Governors

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

September 2016-July 2017

School Target **95.0%**
Actual Attendance **95.0%**

PTA

The PTA raised money through non-uniform day, cash for clothes, 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.

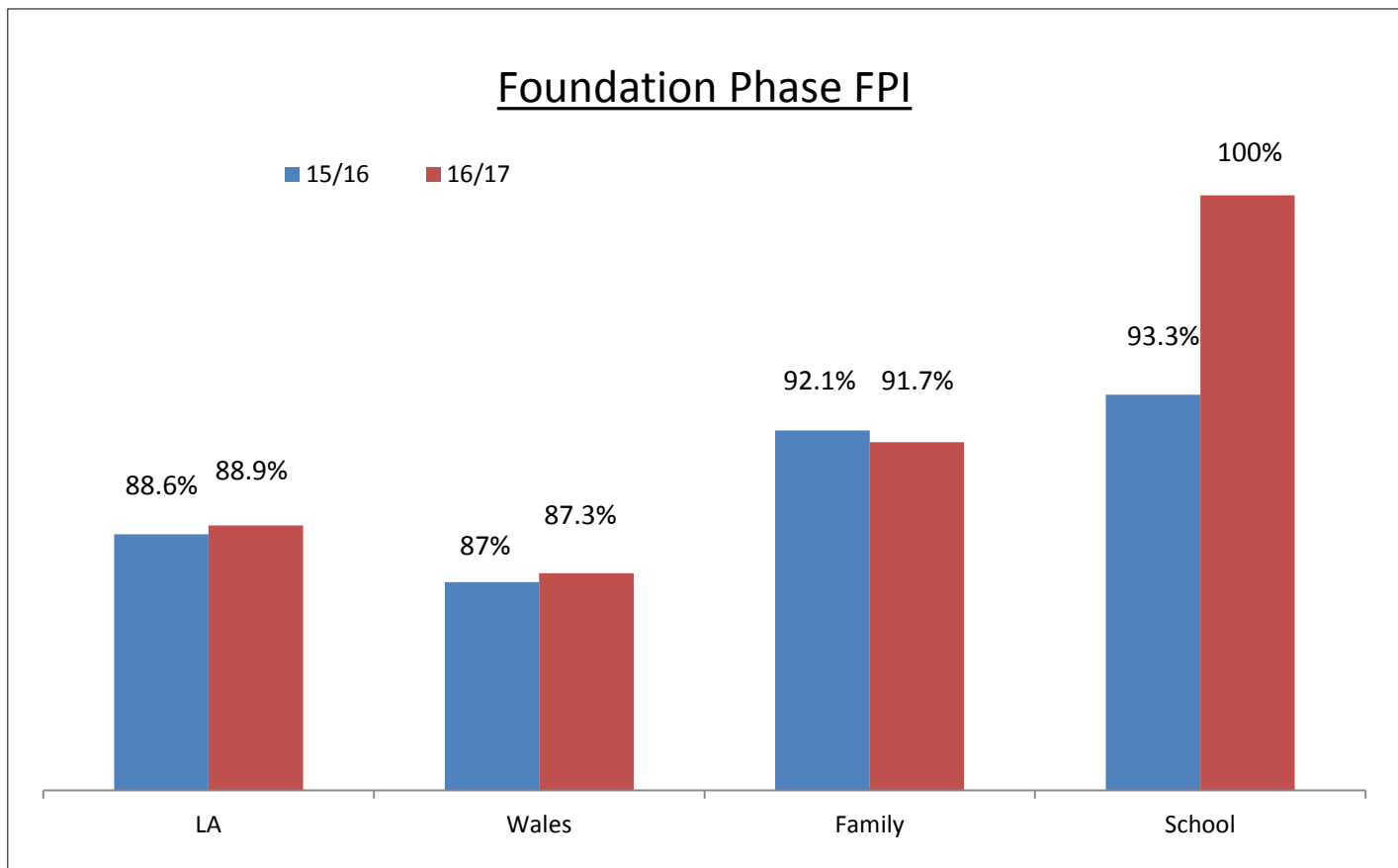
At the end of the **Foundation Phase (FP = *Rec-Yr2*)**, children are given an assessment **outcome** for Maths (MMD), English (LLC) and Personal & Social Development (PSD).

These assessments are then sent to the Welsh Government. The school is compared within a Family of (similar) schools, 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+				
	2014	2015	2016	2017
LLC	96%	97%	93.3%	100%
MMD	96%	97%	93.3%	100%
PSE	96%	97%	93.3%	100%



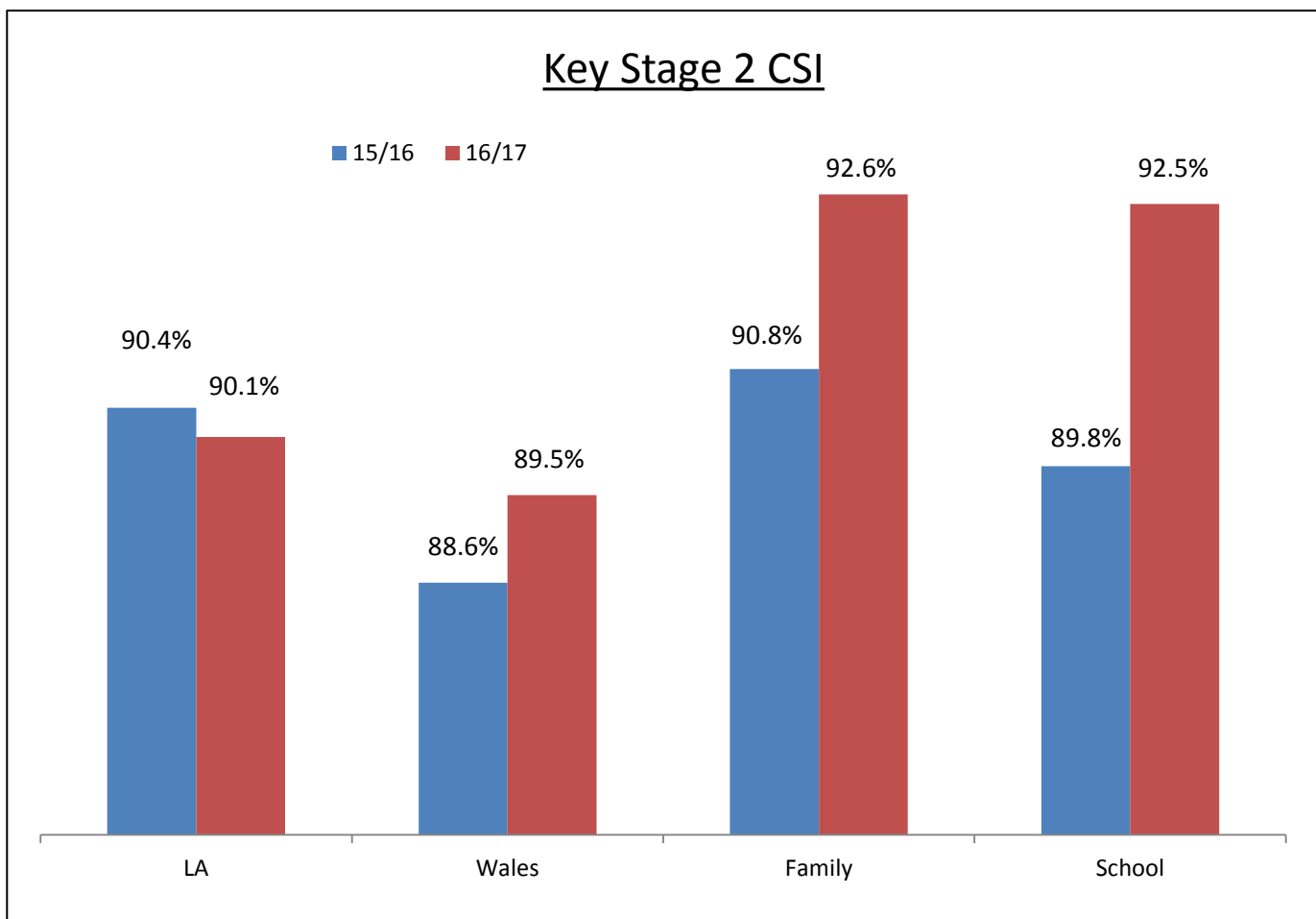
At the end of **Key Stage 2 (KS2 = Yr3-Yr6)**, children are given an assessment **level** for Maths, English, Science and Welsh.

These assessments are then sent to the Welsh Government. The school is compared within a Family of (similar) schools, 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 +				
	2014	2015	2016	2017
English	96%	96%	93.9%	94.3%
Maths	95%	91%	89.8%	94.3%
Science	95%	100%	98%	94.3%
Welsh	78%	85%	88%	83.1%



SEN Provision

At Risca Primary we recognise that all children are individuals with individual needs. Children with special educational needs are fully integrated into a mainstream setting. We monitor the progress of pupils to identify needs and to provide support where necessary. SEN 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 English.

Individual education plans (IEP's) may be produced by the class teacher and child. The IEP is agreed with the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) and parents, who then receive a copy. Support staff, class teachers, SENCo 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'. A Special 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.

Sport News

Netball The children taking part in Netball this year have been very new to the game and training. They have really enjoyed developing new skills and taking part in matches. Their improvement over the year has been very noticeable along with their want to achieve and succeed in the game.

Football The children have worked very hard in training this year developing their knowledge and skills of the game. They enjoyed taking part in the Champions League Football Tournament in Ystrad Mynach playing against many other teams from the local area. The team played really well in all their matches where they reached the semi-finals and achieved 5th place overall.

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

2017/18	Term Starts	Half term Starts	Half term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Mon 4 th Sept 2017	Mon 30 th Oct 2017	Fri 3 rd Nov 2017	Fri 22 nd Dec 2017
Spring	Mon 8 th Jan 2018	Mon 19 th Feb 2018	Fri 23 rd Feb 2018	Thurs 29 th Mar 2018
Summer	Mon 16 th Apr 2018	Mon 28 th May 2018	Fri 1 st June 2018	Tues 24 th July 2018

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

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	969, 448
Net Expenditure	939, 148
Surplus	30, 300
Breakdown of Expenditure	
Employees	778, 823
Premises Related	125, 687
Supplies and Services	62, 975
Service Level Agreements	63, 782
School Development Plans	63, 087
Income	+115, 206