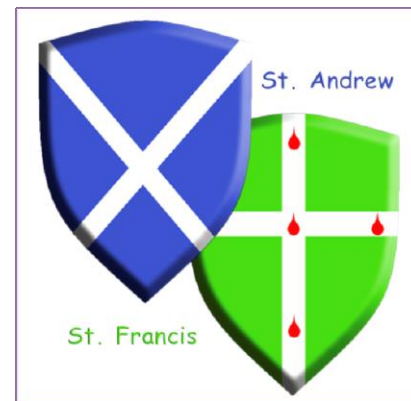


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Dear Reader

The Governors of your school were advised in September that Brent Council was applying to intervene and appoint an Interim Executive Board [IEB] to replace the Governing Body [GB]. The reasons for this were that Ofsted had judged the leadership and management to be inadequate and that the GB did not have the expertise or systems in place to hold leaders to account and has not secured rapid progress.

The Secretary of State appointed an IEB with effect from 10 November 2014. The members are John Galligan, Chair, School Improvement Team Manager, Brent Council. Richard Walton, Member of IEB, an experienced chair of a primary school GB. Evelyn Chua, Member of IEB, a Head of an outstanding primary school. An IEB will take on all responsibilities of a normally constituted GB.

This team will be meeting every 3 weeks to ensure that rapid progress is made to establish St Andrew & St Francis as a Good School and will be communicating regularly with you. You can contact the IEB through the school office or as outlined over the page.

Thank you.

Important News

Parent and Pupil Survey - We recently conducted a Survey in school, 332 children and 90+ parents responded. Concerns have been raised about behaviour, pupils. What we have done is re-inform all parents of the schools behaviour policy (see website), engage with staff through INSET days, re-emphasize "Bubble Time", focus on behaviour – Thinking of others – at Monday assemblies and reinforce behaviour in Dining Hall. Some parents expressed concern about the school's management. We are instigating a series of coffee mornings, enhancing newsletters and communications, being more available for parent consultations and offering parent workshops to give advice on homework and learning generally.

Safeguarding - We have taken seriously the need to update and improve our commitment to Child Protection (CP) and Safeguarding in light of the latest HMI report. The following actions have been undertaken in this regard. 1. A new Designated C.P Lead (Kevin Minns) has been assigned. This person is given any information and acts accordingly. They keep a log of all conversations /written information / phone calls etc in order to have a secure audit trail. 2. C.P folders for all teaching staff. These include Policies, procedures, ways to report incidents, Medical and dietary needs of pupils and a list of vulnerable children within our school. 3. All staff, including LSAs and office staff undertook Safeguarding training from the NSPCC on our INSET day- this month and 4. J.Kelly, R.Walton, K.Minns had Level 3 training on Friday 7th November.



There was lots of activity in school recently to celebrate World Book Day.. Pupils were encouraged to dress up for the day and there are several pictures on our web site.

We found two Spider men having a good time and we wonder how many Spider Men there are in the school! Any answers?

Dates to remember

November 28

Parents' Coffee morning 9.00am

KS2 Mass at St Andrews Church to celebrate St Andrews Day.

December 19

Christmas Carol Services at St Andrew's Church 9.15.am

December 12

School Disco 3.30 – 5.30

Important Announcement

Welcome. We would like to welcome Mr. Roberts who will be our Interim Head until the Easter holiday 2015. Mr. Roberts will be in post as we attempt to secure a substantive Headteacher.

Get in touch. IEB members "meet- Parents" will take place regularly. Usually on a Monday morning in the playground. Richard Walton will be there on Monday 24 and Friday 28 November, from 0830 to 09.30 Arrangements can be made for an extended meeting if required. Appointments can be made directly with an IEB member or Headteacher through the school office or by email to governor@sasf.brent.sch.uk

Text Messaging. The school is implementing a new dynamic texting service for all parents. Please make sure that your contact details are up to date and that the school is able to get in touch, should there be any changes to the school day that may affect your child.

At the last Governors Meeting in September, your school Governors discussed, use of the Pupil Premium Sports Funding in Primary Schools, You can see the current reports on the web site.

Arrangements are in place to upgrade the school's web site and currently all the required information is on line and is up to date. We will be launching a new web site in 2015.

Pupil Premium & Free School Meals



We are hugely reliant on the Pupil Premium Grant that we receive in order to provide real improvement in our teaching to all qualifying children. Additionally the provision of free school meals to every pupil now ensures that every child gets the opportunity of a hot meal at school – each day.

To provide these services parents could help the school enormously by ensuring that they are receiving their entitlements. Currently there is a big gap between those parents qualifying last year compared to this year.

To assist parents we will be holding a series of 1-2-1 consultations to help parents register and apply for FSM.



Year 6 took an active part in Harvest Festival services at St Andrew's church. Other members of Y6 gave presentations and readings. Well done everyone!

Average Point Score (Re, Wr, Ma)

28.7 pts



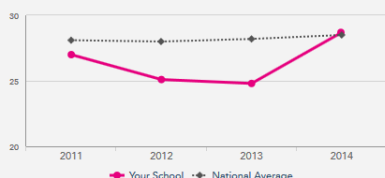
In line with the national average (28.5)

% Level 4+ (Re, Wr, Ma)

83% ↑

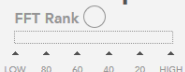


In line with the national average (78%)



Average Point Score (Re, Wr, Ma)

+1.1 pts +



Significantly above the national average (0)

% Level 4+ (Re, Wr, Ma)

+12% +



Significantly above the national average (0%)

KS2 Attainment 2014

KS2 Achievement 2014

KS2 results for your school published by FFT this month demonstrate some progress has started to be made in the Year 6 outcomes. Whilst there is a long way to go before the Governors and school will be satisfied, this is encouraging. The Average Points Score of 28.7 is in line with national average but the KS2 Achievement of +1.1pts is above national average.

Friends of St Andrew & St Francis We are delighted to announce that a new Committee of the Friends is being formed in the New Year. There are two parents who have been doing what they can but would really like some help. They have lots of plans afoot and we hope you will support them and enjoy the fun that is planned! Could you help?

Attendance At the beginning of term only 88% of pupils attended. This is almost the equivalent of two empty classrooms. Hugely wasteful and very costly! More importantly over 50 children were not being educated. It is important that parents deliver their children to school at 0845 each day so that we are able to teach them. Currently attendance is running at 96% which is better but still short of our best. Please help us to deliver a good education to every child.

In the Community

Get Safe Online The internet is becoming more and more part of our lives, including school work and tools like Fronter and Parent View. At St Andrew & St Francis, we are concerned that our children are protected from the dark areas of the internet and give appropriate guidance. You can get more specific advice at www.getsafeonline.org or free advice at 020 7744 0022

St Andrew's Church

Midnight Mass at 11.30pm on 24th December and at 10.00am on Christmas morning.. All are welcome

Parent Pay You can use Parent Pay at many shops in Willesden and we hope you will find this facility of help. If there is a store that you would like us to approach – please let us know and we will do so.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Holiday Season!

St Andrew & St Francis is a school for young children in our community. We are closely associated with our local church <http://www.willesdengreenparish.org> We welcome your views. You can get in touch in several ways, By email - direct to an IEB Member at governor@sasf.brent.sch.uk , direct to the school, , or through Parent View or Fronter (Request a login) We'd love to hear from you.