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Laughton Community Primary School – AGM report

This year we have embedded our new vision 'Inspiring Learning for Life' throughout the school and have a new logo. We want the children to be collaborative, resilient, curious, disciplined and imaginative. We see these learning habits as life skills which will lead to success. Gary Neale, one of our parents, has created the new logo and we are looking forward to having this on our uniform from September 2016. We also have local artist Jane Churchill on board to help us create another fabulous piece of collaborative art work to present our vision.

Since February 2016 we have been working in partnership with Fletching Church of England Primary School. This has meant that I have spent half of the week at each school and Ms Katie Blood has become Head of School. This is a temporary arrangement until September 2016. It is a great opportunity for us to see how being involved in a close partnership can impact on our learning and sustainability. Schools across the nation are now working more closely in partnerships and I see it is the only way forward for small schools to be sustainable. Both schools are benefitting from new CPD opportunities for staff, better finances in sharing costs and closer working with colleagues who teach the same year groups. This term we will be involving the children in projects so that they can be more involved. Children at both Laughton and Fletching are now working on the same topics so that they have an audience for their learning and can set each other challenges.

On 15th April we celebrated the renovation of our school Clock through putting on a 'Heritage Day'. Thank you to all those who supported in either attending or donating pictures for our exhibition. The clock had not worked for the last 30 years and our caretaker, Mr Herdman, secured funding through Lottery Heritage funding. He then spent hours in the school attics and at the records library collecting photographs and documents to put on a fabulous exhibition. The children and staff came to school dressed as Victorians and the LSA helped put on a fabulous tea for everyone. It was a very memorable day and I felt very privileged to meet so many pupils and staff from the school dating back to the 1930's! The ribbon was cut by the oldest surviving pupil, Peggy and the youngest pupil at the school, Daniel.



The main areas of development for the school this year are to embed our new school vision, introduce an effective 'Assessment without Levels' system, raise attainment through developing leadership and improve outcomes for higher attainers.



I would like to thank the community for their on-going support for the school and look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it to the Community Summer Concert (part of the Villages Music Festival) on Thursday 30th June at 1:45p.m.

Mrs Rachel West

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