



GOVERNORS REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR - 2010 - 2011

Operational performance of the School

100% of the Year 6 leavers went on to first choice senior schools; pupils entered twelve different schools. Six scholarships were awarded this year; Academic Scholarship - St Swithun's, Academic Scholarship - King Edward VI, Academic Scholarship - Leweston, Academic Scholarship - Lord Wandsworth College, All Rounder Scholarship - Badminton and Art Scholarship - Alton Convent.

Public Benefit

The Board, mindful of its public benefit obligations as recommended by its Public Benefit sub-committee, continued to promote its means tested bursaries for academically capable pupils who may not, otherwise, have had access to the School.

Further:

- We deliver academic results which are above national average. Educational breadth is our strength in that our pupils enter approximately 12 - 15 different senior schools annually, both in the independent and maintained sectors.
- We offer the use of our facilities/coaching to local maintained schools and this has been the case with Kings Worthy Primary School who have competed against us in a number of school matches. In addition, our sports hall is used during the school day by Itchen Abbas Primary School
- We offer our facilities to a local nursery group in the Itchen Valley.
- We employ graduates as Teaching Assistants. These young people are looking to enter the teaching profession and require work experience for up to a year prior to taking up their teacher training studies as PGCE students. All these students have individual mentors.
- We have forged links with the University of Winchester and students have been in school for observation and have run activities relevant to their skills.

- Our staff are encouraged to develop their own professional expertise through a structured programme of training. This may include the writing of articles, opportunities to become external examination markers and undertaking research for publication.
- Our school is made available for use as a training centre for external courses.
- We are actively engaged in charity work in the community, we collect produce for the Winchester Basics Bank and Winchester Night Shelter, support the local Rotary Club, Naomi House Hospice, Home Start, the charities supported by the Cathedral at Christmas and a number of other charities. These activities not only benefit the community but also heighten our pupils' social awareness and understanding of those less fortunate.
- We support a primary school in Inungur, Tamil Nadu, Southern India. We pay the annual salaries of five teachers and hold one major fund raising event each year.
- We loan our minibuses free of charge (including cost of insurance) to a number of organisations within the community - Winchester Family Church, Home Start, local Brownie groups and a number of other organisations.
- We use local amenities, such as the local leisure centre and theatres, and pupils' artwork is displayed in local public spaces such as the church and medical centre.
- We have an active partnership with our past pupils, parents and grandparents through their involvement with the Old Meadonians, the Prince's Mead Association, attendance at Grandparents' Tea Parties, Friday Prayers and public events such as music concerts.
- By providing an environment which is nurturing and family orientated with small class sizes we are providing an education which celebrates the talents and strengths of the individual. Each child is unique within our school and the curriculum provided is adapted to suit the needs of the individual.

Additional School Achievements and Progress

School Initiatives

- The Board secured the lease on the adjoining Coach House which has been converted to 6 teaching spaces - 5 classrooms, a specialist Design & Technology Area and a small drama studio
- A new double all weather netball/tennis court was built

- 4 allotments were constructed adjacent to the 'Big Plot' and all continue to be used by a range of year groups and two after school gardening clubs
- A number of parents coached and led after school clubs
- Gray's Wood has been extensively used - this outdoor learning environment has been established to enrich the curriculum and develop leadership and challenge activities for all age groups

Sport

- The new School playing fields were officially opened by Sky Sports Presenter, Jeff Stelling
- Formal links have been enhanced with Easton and Martyr Worthy Cricket Club, Sparsholt Cricket Club and we are in the process of establishing formal links with Winchester Rugby Club and Winchester Basketball Club
- The school has been accepted onto the London 2012 'GET SET NETWORK', the first Independent school in Hampshire to do so
- Sports day was run in the new playing fields bowl for the first time where a 200m athletics oval track had been created
- For the first time we played U8 netball fixtures. An external netball coach came in to run some sessions with the U11 and U10 netball teams
- Swim squad took part in many galas against other schools and entered the IAPS swim trials. At the Winchester Primary School Gala, a Year 4 girl was a gold medallist in the U9 Freestyle
- We entered an U11 and U10 girls team and an U10 boys team in the National Schools Biathlon Championships at the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth and two Year 5 pupils qualified for the semi-final stages in Bath
- Badminton was offered by an external Coach from Westgate Badminton Club
- Rugby -The new pitch and posts created much excitement for the U11's who played their first ever season of competitive contact rugby
- The U9's played tag-rugby for the first time
- Cricket- The U11's won all their group matches in the Wessex Cricket League
- The U11's enjoyed the cricket coaching from local company LCA, coming in during the Easter holiday to lead pre-season training. They then attended a workshop in the indoor facility at the Rose Bowl. A tour was followed by

watching a Pro40 match in the stadium. Such was the boys' impressive attitude and behaviour on the day, we were invited back to take part in a skills competition run before a T20 match, usually open only to local cricket clubs. We are the only school to have ever been invited to attend and our position of 10th out of 34 clubs showed the development of the small cohort we had in Y5/6.

- Year 5 went for a day to Marwell Activity Centre
- Year 5 Went to Bushcraft Survival Training, Cornbury Estate for a week
- Years 3 and 6 spent a week at Mill on the Brue Activity Centre
- Chelsea Football in the Community and Planet Sport ran regular Saturday morning sports activities for Nursery to Year 4

Music

- This year we have held a whole range of concerts, informal musical afternoons, a Music Festival, 2 Nativity plays, a Carol Service performed in Winchester Cathedral and a Carol Concert
- 7 peripatetic teachers visit each week to give instrument lessons and singing continues to prove to be a popular discipline
- We have had 100% success in all graded music exams with an increasing number of merits and distinctions throughout all musical disciplines
- We hosted our second school Music Festival in March and our individual musicians and instrumental groups participated extensively in the Southampton Music Festival
- A String Group and Recorder Group have been formed to complement the existing Wind Group, Brass Group, Orchestra and Chamber Choir
- In the Summer Term Years 5 and 6 worked on their production of 'Peter Pan'. We performed this to the school and ran performances across two evenings

Speech and Drama

- The main aim of Speech and Drama is to instil confidence and develop important life skills
- Pupils take extra tuition or attend after School club (Drama for Years 2 and 3, Acting for Years 4, 5 and 6)

- Prince's Mead won every class entered at this year's Southampton Festival and won every class but one at the Godalming Festival
- Last June 120 pupils took LAMDA Speech and Drama Graded Examinations - 43 achieved Distinction and 64 achieved Merit and the remainder gained a Pass
- Everyone who took an Acting Examination achieved Distinction or Merit.

Brian Welch - Chairman of Governors