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Governors Annual Report 2022-2023

Firstly, welcome back to Langrish for this new school year, it's hard to believe we are approaching half term. A special welcome to all our new Squirrels in Year R; we are currently full to bursting with learners and so much has already happened this term!

As governors, we always start a new year by reviewing the previous year, and it's fair to say 2022/3 was exceptional in many ways. With the children completing a normal year of school for their first time since 2018/19, it was busy, exciting and rewarding for all those involved – including us governors.

School performance:

Science and Maths were the focus of our school development plan last year. The school updated the science curriculum in line with recent changes, and embedded the White Rose Scheme for maths, a systematic approach to help all children reach a deeper level of understanding. Governors monitored these priorities and are pleased to report that results across the school are already showing a positive impact.

One of the ways we can see this is in our SATs results. The school's progress scores for the children leaving Year 6, which show how each child has developed during Years 3-6 at Langrish, were significantly above the national and Hampshire average across Reading, Writing and Maths. This was achieved by using Covid catch-up funding effectively, with focus groups to enhance our usual high quality teaching, and hard work from all our children, teaching staff and senior leadership team. Equally important has been your contribution as parents, supporting the school in encouraging your children to read well and widely, and to become the truly independent learners we aim for them to be by the time they leave Langrish. Together these efforts have delivered a progress score that we can all be proud of.

Our SATs results at KS2 (the end of Year 2) were also phenomenal, with many more Langrish children achieving their expected Reading, Writing and Maths levels than other children across Hampshire or nationally, and many more Langrish children exceeding these levels – working at 'greater depth' – than those elsewhere.

Our Year 4 statutory Multiplication test was another great success, earning a letter of congratulations from the Secretary of State for Education for being ranked in the top 200 schools in the country; the children were also ranked 9th in the UK in the 'Times Table World Cup'.

School facilities:

Last year also saw our Outdoor Assets plan completed, with the refurbishment of the changing rooms (the children chose the interior colours...), benches added to the front lawn and the school's exterior being completely cleaned and painted. The classrooms were also redecorated over the summer holidays; overall, the school is looking the best it has done for many years.

School leadership:

Governors also agreed a slight change to the strategic leadership of the school, with Mrs Wright moving to 3 days per week and Miss Jones working as Headteacher for 2 days a week effective from the start of this term.

We would like to congratulate Miss Jones on her appointment.

Governor changes:

During the year we welcomed our new Local Authority Governor, Samantha Bye, and four new parent Governors: Glen Hodgson-Hutton, Luke Law, Luke Swift and John McMenamin. Our thanks to the governors that reached the end of their terms, for their hard work and commitment to the school: Richard Pelling, Hitesh Mistry and Mike Capon.

As a Governing Body we have always been well supported by parents keen to help Langrish be the best it can, however we are always on the lookout for independent governors from the local community, those who are not directly associated with the school through children or grandchildren. If anyone is aware of someone who has skills they might contribute to this very worthwhile role, please do not hesitate to contact James Greenwood on chairofgovernors@langrish.hants.sch.uk - he would be happy to have an informal chat.

Friends of Langrish School:

Our sincere thanks also go to the FOLS committee members and supporters, who raise much-needed funds for activities and equipment that the school would not otherwise be able to provide. We know that FOLS always welcomes volunteers and ideas, so any time you could offer them, as a one-off or on an ongoing basis, please do not hesitate to reach out to them at folslangrishschool@gmail.com.

Attendance:

We cannot end this letter without a thank you to all parents who are supporting the school with their children's attendance, which is proven to be directly linked with their future attainment. As you are all aware, excellent attendance is vital for ensuring that your children receive all the necessary building blocks for their next level of education. Learning is like a staircase: stairs should be taken one at a time and the more stairs that are missed, the lower their chances of successfully making it to the top.

If you have any questions or comments about this report, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the governors through the school office.

Our best wishes to you all for another exciting, enjoyable and excellent year!

The Langrish School Governors:

James Greenwood (Chair)
Julie Gray (Vice Chair)
Sarah Wright (Head teacher)
Heather Jones (Head teacher and staff Governor)
Ray Dudman
Simon Downs
Samantha Bye
Luke Swift
Luke Law
Glen Hodgson-Hutton
John McMenamin

