

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS FORUM

Date:	26th September 2016 8pm
Present:	Helen Bantock, Holly Reynolds, Brendon Reynolds, Rebecca Chard, Natacha Chenchery, Shira Middleton, Niall Waller, Annie Khan, Halak Nanavaty, Haidar Habib, Rai Richardson, Nicola Cox, Uzma Saeed,
In Attendance:	Sarah Phillips, Head Teacher Kam Bhogal, PSA Amy Routh , (ICT Subject Leader) & Year 4 Class Teacher
Minute Taker:	Kam Bhogal

NEXT MEETING
TBA November 2016 – 8pm

1/8	Apologies	Action
	Apologies were received and accepted from Tina Patel Shone, Penny Foreman, Anwar Dadd and Lisa Meadows. No apologies were received from Rebecca Kral and Rakesh Hemraz	
2/8	Welcome and context for meeting	Action
	Kam Bhogal, welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the Agenda. The focus of the meeting was about the 'School I-pad usage, School Learning Platform, and The Election for new Parent Representatives'. Sarah Phillips briefly talked about sending/receiving Parent Mail. How to verify Parent Mail account and login details. For those parents that have not yet verified their account it will be deleted in the next six weeks. We emphasise parents to check their Parent mail accounts and notify other parents to check too. Parents can contact the school office if in doubt.	
3/8	I_Pad Usage	Action
	Amy Routh, Introduced her role as Year 4 class Teacher and ICT subject Leader, explaining how passionate she is to further promote ICT skills between children, all staff and Parents. And is open to any ideas that parents had to offer. The following information was given: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school meets the e-Safety technical requirements outlined in the Wokingham Borough Local Authority Safety policy and guidance. • The school do provide children with I-pads whether it is to work in groups or individually. • I-pads are used throughout the school from Foundation stage to KS2. • The uses of I-pads are integrated much as possible in the curriculum. • Programmes used in KS1 – 'ScratchJr' an introductory programming language that enables them to create their own interactive stories and games. • Bee-bot programme – enhances a broad range of products including bringing in objectives from the curriculum. • KS2: pupils learn and develop many new skills from across the curriculum from mapping skills used in Geography to 'Book Writer', writing tool used in English to enhance learning skills and for many other subjects too. • Bug Club – A reading programme, which contains finely levelled fiction and non-fiction books and e-books that children would choose themselves. <p>Sarah Phillips commented that using the above programmes has shown impact with</p>	

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	<p>in Wokingham Borough Schools, as Loddon Primary is in the above average for 'Grammar and Punctuation'.</p> <p>Questions raised by class representatives: And responses made by Amy Routh.</p> <p>1. Are all members of the staff trained to use programmes? Response: All staff are trained in using the programmes on staff Inductions days, shared peer support amongst staff, Amy Routh circulates ICT courses for staff to attend. We do have external agencies coming in too.</p> <p>2. Can parents have access at home? Response: Parents can have access to ScratchJr as it is a 'free' programme, other programmes: 'Skitch' (annotating pictures), 'Poplet' (mind mapping tool), 'Kidrex' (child friendly search engine) are also available. If having difficulties in locating these programmes parents can email the class teacher.</p> <p>3. How long do children spend in KS1 using ICT resources? Response: Normally once a week may be more at class teacher's discretion and depending on topic. Topic books are also available for children to look at too.</p> <p>4. How long do the KS2 children use the computer facility in the ICT room? Response: Classes are taken to the ICT suite on a weekly basis for one hour providing children with the skills and knowledge required in the computer-centric world.</p>	
4/8	Learning Platform	
	<p>Amy Routh discussed how the Learning Platform is very informative; However would like to narrow it down to the core. A question was raised to parents. What would parents/children like to see on the learning platform for it to be a user-friendly product?</p> <p><u>At present on the Learning Platform:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purple Mash, • Education City, • Bug Club, • Individual year group, 'Topic' related pages are displayed, • School Council <p>Amy Routh explained each of its purpose on all the above.</p> <p>Parent Suggestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents would like to see a date of when certain information on learning platform has been updated. <p>Response: Amy Routh is aware of the situation and will look in to how to resolve this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To outline topic by year groups easier for child and parent to access. • To have the academic details in the year on the learning platform. • To link the curriculum with the learning platform <p>It was noted that most parents would like to view daily class timetables, so that they are familiar with the day-to-day lessons and routine, so that they can engage more with their child/ren and ask questions related to their day.</p> <p>Response: Sarah Phillips to discuss adding timetable on the learning Platform with Amy Routh.</p> <p>Parents also suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide homework online (Parent volunteered to help set this up) <p>Response: Amy Routh - the learning platform does have a capacity to do so, but not everyone can get access to computers at home, though homework club is also provided.</p> <p>Sarah Phillips suggested as a way forward that teachers are given adequate time for</p>	Action

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	them to look at the learning platform and make changes including some parent suggestions and ideas. To re-visit and launch the learning platform one evening.	
5/8	Election for new Parent Representatives	
	Kam Bhogal handed out letters and explained the purpose of giving new parents an opportunity to sit the Parent Forum. Parent representatives were given an option to remain or to opt out. This letter will be sent out to all other parents/carers by Friday 30 th September 2016. An evaluation feedback was handed out to class representatives to complete and hand back their thoughts on the Forum so far.	Action
6/8	Other Business	
	Sarah Phillips notified Class representative's that there will be a meeting on Friday 30 th September discussing 'Phase 2' of school expansion. Details to follow at a later date.	Action
7/8	Proposed agenda for next meeting Arranging meeting days and times	
	Kam Bhogal to arrange next meeting after new committee has been selected.	Action
8/8	Date and Time of Next Meeting	
	TBA Meeting closed at 9.15pm	