

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Subject: Foundation Phase Teacher Assessment in Wales : 2012**

**Background Summary**

- 1.1 The booklet – Statutory Assessment and Reporting Arrangements - for the school year 2011-2012 published by the Welsh Assembly Government, contained the information required by schools and LA's about statutory teacher assessment and reporting at Foundation Phase.
- 1.2 This school year 2011-2012 is the first year in which learners have been assessed against Foundation Phase Outcome Indicators.
- 1.3 All pupils in their final year of Foundation Phase in the school year 2011-2012 were assessed through teacher assessment in the core Foundation Phase Areas of Learning. These are Language, Literacy & Communication in English or Welsh (first language); Mathematical Development; and Personal and Social Development, Well-Being and Cultural Diversity. Science is no longer a core assessed area of the Foundation Phase. Most of the pupils will have been seven years of age and in Year 2.
- 1.4 The general expectation is that the majority of pupils at age seven (end of Foundation Phase) will attain at least Outcome 5 in the three core assessed areas. (This is roughly equivalent to Level 2 in the previous National Curriculum).
- 1.5 The teacher assessments for Foundation Phase were finalised before the end of the Summer Term 2012.
- 1.6 The 2012 national (All Wales) and LA results are available on **[www.wales.gov.uk/statistics](http://www.wales.gov.uk/statistics)** the National Assembly's Website.
- 1.7 The aggregate data comprises the available results in the Foundation Phase Areas of Learning of Language, Literacy & Communication in English or Welsh (first language), Mathematical Development and Personal and Social Development, Well-Being and Cultural Diversity. Achieving at least Outcome 5 in each of these three areas is referred to as the Foundation Phase Indicator (FPI) and replaces the Core Subject Indicator (CSI) from the previous National Curriculum.

- 1.8 As this is the first year that results have been reported against Foundation Phase Areas of Learning, data is not compared directly to National Curriculum results from previous years.

### **1.9 Flintshire LA Summary Results by FP Area of Learning**

#### **Language, Literacy & Communication (English)**

- 81.97% of pupils attained Outcome 5 or above in teacher assessment.
- 81.97% is below the 2012 national average of 83.44% for Wales – a difference of -1.47%.
- Flintshire's LA ranked position in 2012 is 14<sup>th</sup> out of 21\* LA's in Wales. (\*Only 21/22 LA's had submitted this data).
- 28.27% of pupils achieved the higher Outcome 6.
- At 28.27% Flintshire's performance is higher than the Wales average of 25.56% for Outcome 6 – a difference of +2.71%

#### **Language, Literacy & Communication (Welsh First Language)**

- 84.07% of pupils attained Outcome 5 or above in teacher assessment
- 84.07% is below the 2012 national average for Wales of 85.93% - a difference of -1.86%.
- Flintshire's LA ranked position in 2011 is 15<sup>th</sup> out of 20\* LA's in Wales. (Only 20/22 LA's had submitted this data).
- 24.78% of pupils achieved the higher Outcome 6.
- At 24.78% Flintshire's performance is only slightly below the national average of 24.84% for Outcome 6 – a difference of -0.06%.

#### **Mathematical Development**

- 85.89% of pupils attained Outcome 5 or above in teacher assessment.
- 85.89% is below the national average for Wales of 86.64% - a difference of -0.57%.
- Flintshire's LA ranked position in 2012 is 15<sup>th</sup> in Wales.
- 27.25% of pupils achieved the higher Outcome 6.
- At 27.25% Flintshire's performance at Outcome 6 is higher than the Wales average of 24.16% - a difference of +3.09%.

#### **Personal & Social Development, Well-Being & Cultural Diversity**

- 91.54% of pupils attained Outcome 5 or above in teacher assessment.
- 91.54% is higher than the national average for Wales of 90.84% - a difference of +0.7%.
- Flintshire's LA ranked position is 11<sup>th</sup> out of 22 LA's in Wales.
- 43.52% of pupils achieved the higher Outcome 6.
- At 43.52% Flintshire's performance at Outcome 6 is higher than the Wales average of 38.58% - a difference of +4.94%.

## **Analysis of Results for Boys and Girls**

The following table reflects the percentage of boys and girls attaining Outcome 5 or above in the Foundation Phase Areas of Learning assessed for 2012 in Flintshire and Wales. There are no comparisons to 2011 data because of the change to the Foundation Phase from the National Curriculum for KS1.

### **Foundation Phase Gender Comparison 2012**

		2012		
		Girls	Boys	Diff
<b>LCE</b>	<b>LA</b>	85.90	78.08	7.82
	<b>Wales</b>	88.22	78.94	9.28
<b>LCW</b>	<b>LA</b>	88.14	79.63	8.51
	<b>Wales</b>	90.51	81.48	9.03
<b>M.DEV</b>	<b>LA</b>	87.14	84.65	2.49
	<b>Wales</b>	89.00	84.41	4.59
<b>P,WB &amp;CD</b>	<b>LA</b>	93.87	89.21	4.66
	<b>Wales</b>	94.61	87.27	7.34
<b>FPI</b>	<b>LA</b>	84.13	75.18	8.95
	<b>Wales</b>	85.71	75.51	10.20

- Nationally in 2012 girls outperformed boys in all areas of learning in the Foundation Phase.
- The differential in FPI for girls and boys in Flintshire is 8.95%. This is smaller than the differential across Wales at 10.20% - a difference of 1.25%.
- Analysis of the Flintshire results supports the national trend that girls continue to out-perform boys in the core assessed Foundation Phase areas. The greatest differential between girls and boys in Flintshire, however, is in Welsh first language. The smallest difference between girls and boys is in Personal and Social Development, Well-Being and Cultural Diversity.

#### **1.10 Foundation Phase Indicator Results (FPI)**

- To achieve the Foundation Phase Indicator a pupil has to achieve at least Outcome 5 in the three core assessed areas of Language, Literacy & Communication (English or Welsh first language), Mathematical Development and Personal & Social Development, Well-being & Cultural Diversity in combination.
- 79.65% of pupils in Flintshire in 2012 achieved the Foundation Phase Indicator.

- The performance of Flintshire schools is 0.82% below the 2012 national average for Wales of 80.47%. Flintshire's position is 15th out of the 22 LA's.
- The results at Outcome 5 are disappointing as they are below the Wales average and the authority strives to achieve the highest possible outcomes for all learners and improve its ranking when compared to other authorities across Wales.
- However, performance at the higher Outcome 6 is above the Wales averages for all assessed areas except Language, Literacy & Communication (Welsh), which demonstrates that Flintshire is supporting its more able learners to achieve well.

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