Governor's Visit Report

Date: 05/06/2015 1330hrs

This visit was to gain a better understanding of the provision and use of educational IT in the school. I met with the IT subject leaders Gina Perman and Jacky Stone who were very helpful and enthusiastic. We examined the Kea School Development Plan 2014 – 2015 ICT/Computing entries. Staff understood the scope of computing in the school and how it works across the curriculum. iPads were being used effectively in teaching and learning across the curriculum. The old system of level assessment recorded in individual workbooks was still in place but seemed perfectly adequate with activities and goals broken down into bite sized chunks and highlighted when achieved. The 'Computing in the National Curriculum' document gave only broad advice on how to 'de-level' the assessment and staff are currently working on the creation of a new system.

The Media Suite was large and well set out. Air conditioning was good. The interactive whiteboard needs new speakers, possibly more than 2 and wireless. Laptops and iPads were securely stored and issued against signature. Some redundant headphones were evident. The Dells I looked at were inspected in date. Some external staff training on iPad applications had been carried out and cascaded to other staff.

In the Kea School Development Plan 2014 – 2015 Key Areas for Development No 4 – Improved ICT/Computing entries, the computers in the Media Suite had been updated, with double the number of laptops, upgrading to Windows 8 and 30 iPads were now in use although the control button cover on the Griffin Survivor rugged cover was already wearing badly and these may need a better update. iPad training for staff has taken place throughout the year. Links throughout the curriculum to iPad use had been achieved. Only the assessment system needed further work. I visited a class to see children operate the iPad and they seemed very absorbed and confident and happy with it.

In all, much has been achieved in the last year and credit must go to our 2 subject leaders. New aims for IT development need to be thought about for the School Development plan for 2015/2016. My thanks to Gina and Jacky.

Steve Chamberlain
LA Governor