



Mount Hawke Academy

Termly report to Parents

Autumn Term
2014



Introduction

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the MHA termly report, to keep you informed in more detail of what is happening at school.

The focus for this report will be the results of the parents survey we undertook and also links to the school's performance data. There are some responses to your survey and we have planned a staff meeting in January to look at ways to further address some of the points you have raised. It was heartening overall to see how happy the majority of you are with the school. Thank you for your on-going support.

Andrew Earnshaw
Executive Principal

It's been an amazing term, with the school gaining new heights at sports in terms of achievement and attitude; part of the armistice ceremony at Truro cathedral, the display at Truro Lights and No1 on the download charts for the band song, (whose performance has amazed all who have heard it). Well done to every child who has made these things happen.

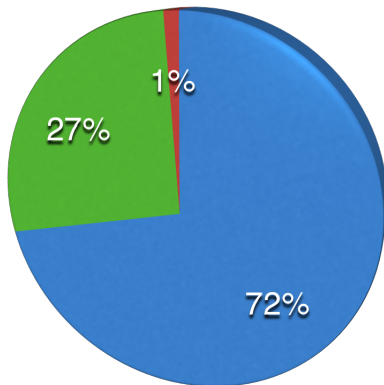
In response to the parent's survey, the Governors will soon have their faces and names on the website. We will explore other ways, like being part of Parents evening to help bring some faces to those who work behind the scenes.

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Chair of Governors.

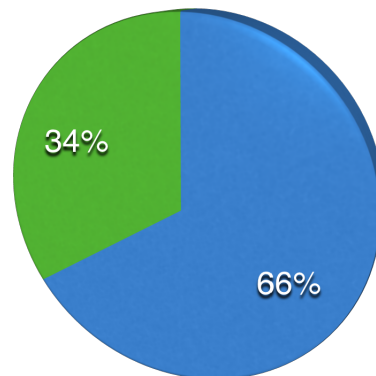
Survey results

My child is happy at school.



- Strongly agree %
- Agree %
- Disagree %
- Strongly disagree %
- Don't know %

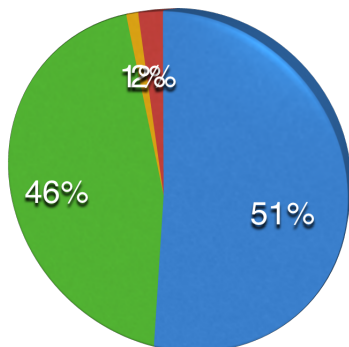
My child feels safe at this school.



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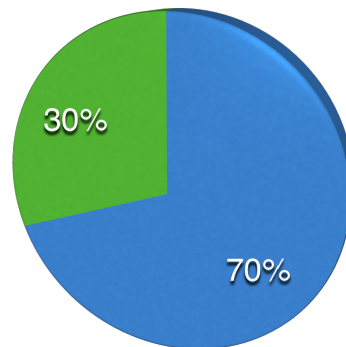
These results speak for themselves and are two of the most important areas to us.

My child makes good progress at this school.



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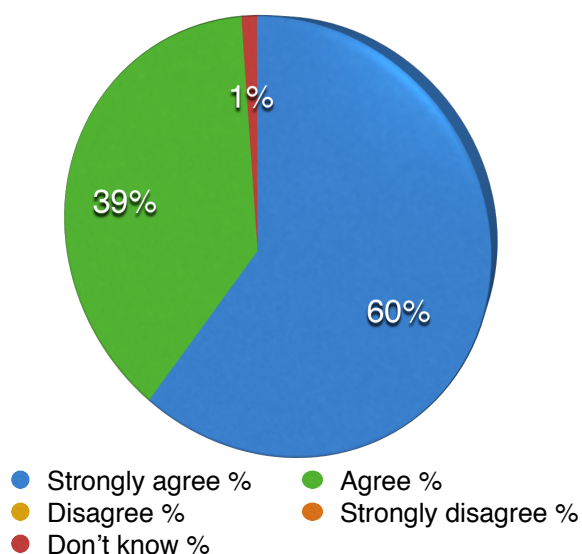
My child is well looked after at this school.



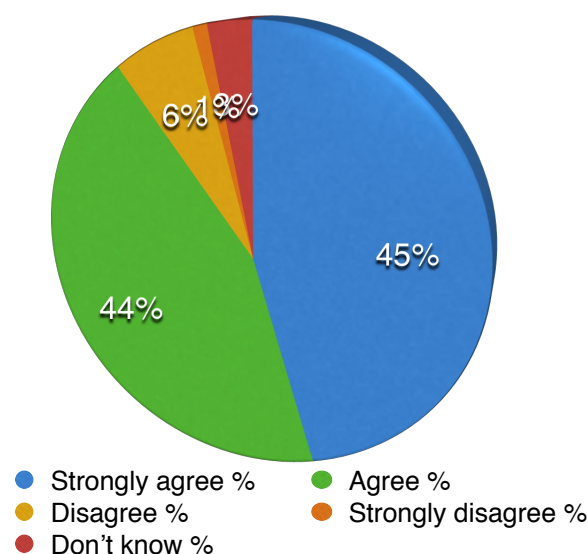
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Positive response again. For those few who need more information on progress in school, we are about to launch our new website and intend to make this progress more readily available. Teachers are always available to discuss your child's progress with you.

My child is well taught at this school.

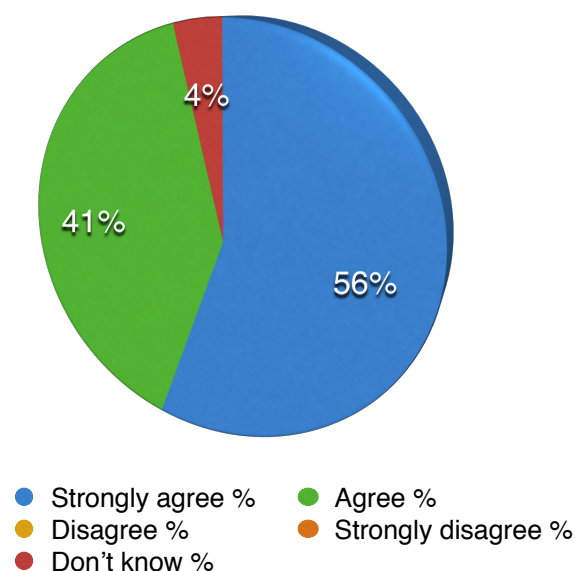


My child receives appropriate homework for their age.

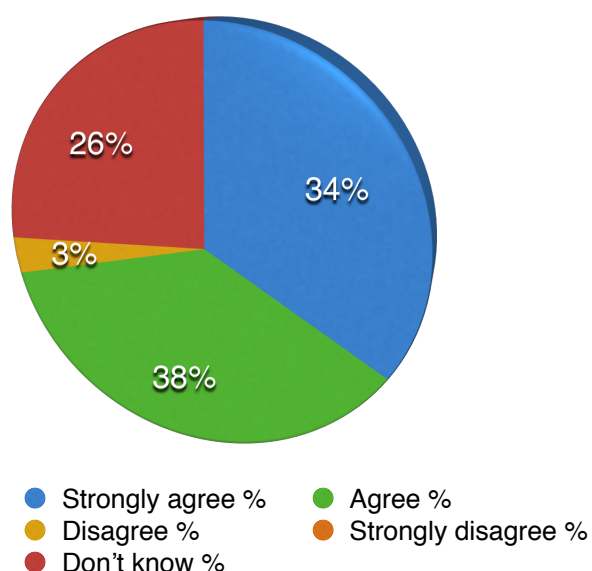


As we expected, homework continues to be of concern for some parents. It is an issue that always divides opinion, but it is good to know that 89% of you are happy. In response to this we will be looking at improving our homework offer for those that are looking for a change. Look out for these in January.

This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

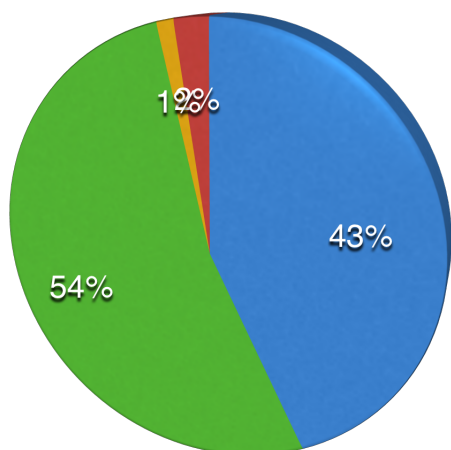


This school deals effectively with bullying.



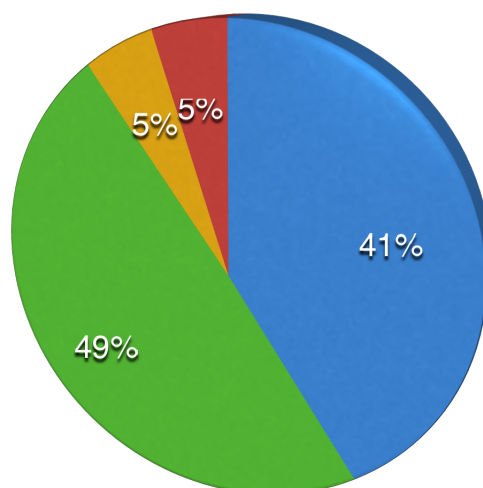
It is good to know that you feel the behaviour in school is good and we would echo this viewpoint. Your children are great. Bullying is always something that will be present to some degree in any school and we will continue to work hard to reduce it and deal with it well when it does happen. We will review our approach in January as we always do.

This school is well led and managed.



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 Agree %
 Strongly disagree %

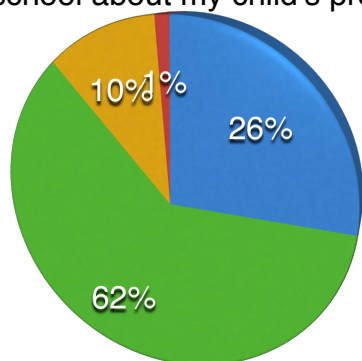
This school responds well to any concerns I have.



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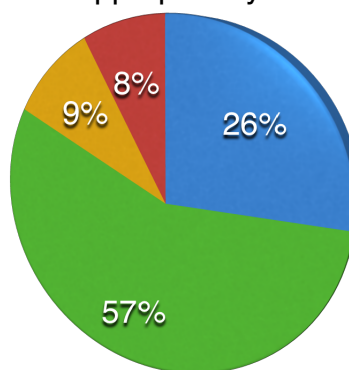
It is good to know that the vast majority of you feel the school is in good hands during these times of change in education I talked about in the last report. We could, it seems, do a bit more to improve our response to concerns. We have already reviewed and improved our complaints policy and looked at ways to respond better at an early stage when you have concerns. It is something we will keep looking at and I know Governors will keep a close eye on this too.

I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.



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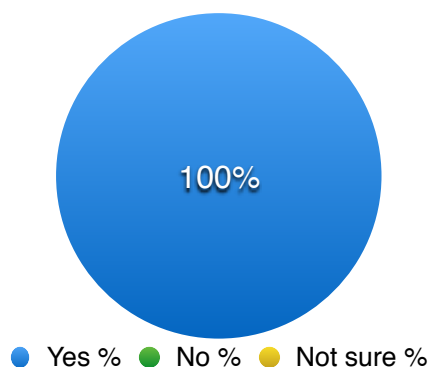
I feel this school knows my child's strengths and weaknesses well and is appropriately challenged with these.



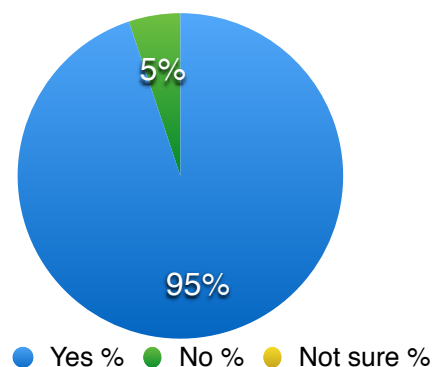
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These are areas that we know we could do better on and are priority areas for us to look at in January. We are hoping to use our new website to give you better access to your child's progress. There is a new structure for assessment in all schools starting soon and we have invested in a new system that we hope will give you much better information.

Would you recommend this school to another parent?

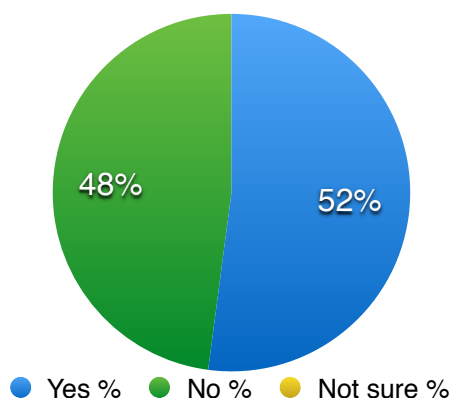


If you had a worry regarding the safety of a child, would you know who to approach at school?

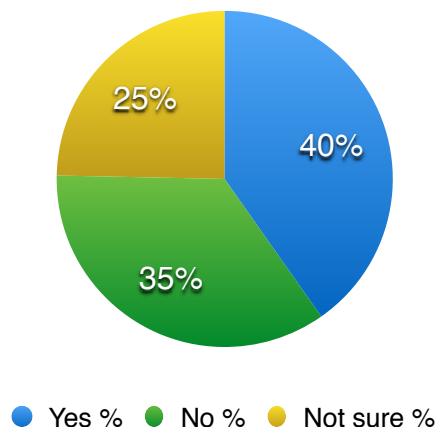


These are very reassuring results on the whole. For those unsure who to approach - you can approach any member of staff, all of whom have undergone safeguarding training and will act with professional confidentiality at all times.

Would you like more guidance on e-safety?

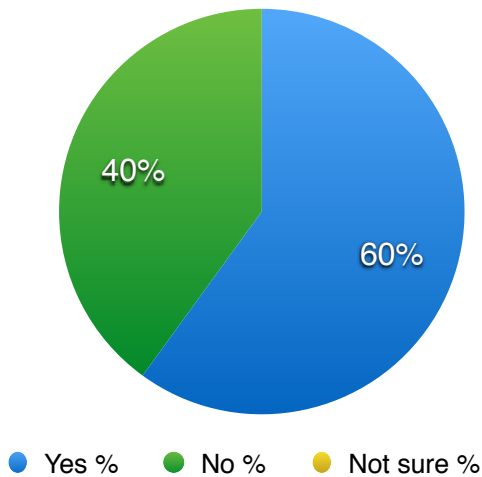


Are you aware of who the Governors are and what they do?

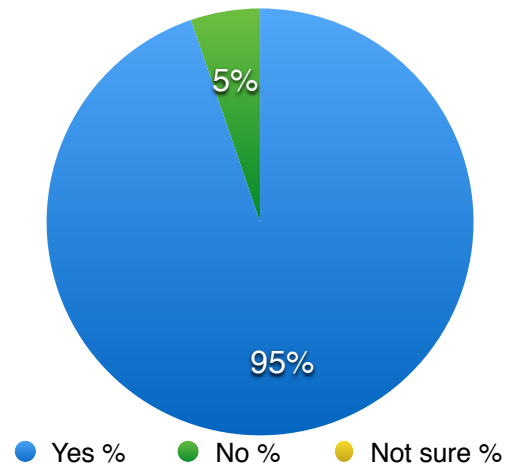


We have run parent information sessions on e-safety but they are not always well attended. We are happy to do more and our website contains some useful information and links. I will pass your views on Governance to the board who I am sure will make every effort to let you know who they are.

Are you happy with the range of after school clubs?



Do you know about the Friends of Mount Hawke PTA group?



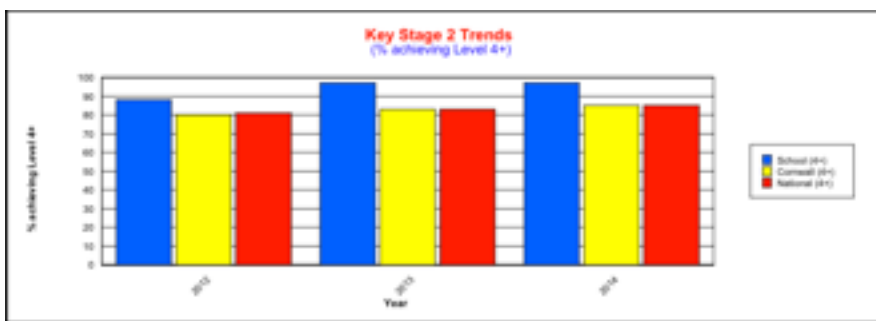
Like homework, after school clubs always divides opinion. We try to find a balance between putting our energies into the school day and providing a broad curriculum offer. We have already increased our offer recently with Hockey and Indian crafts/dancing, but again will review what we can do in January. It is good to see the FOMHS reaching the majority of parents.

Performance Data

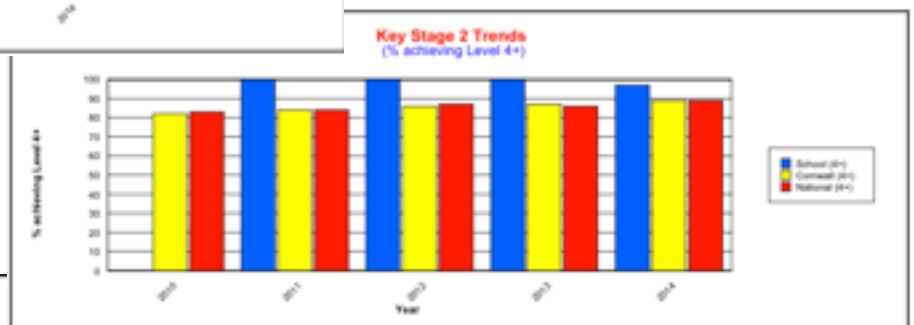
Every term our children work on a series of tasks, mostly without them being aware, to give us information on their progress. Every summer Year 6 and Year 2 are required to publish results of SATs tests to show progress at these key stages of learning. Incidentally next year is the last time this will be done this way. Below is a link to the OFSTED site showing our performance. At the time of writing this was not as up to date as it should be, so I have included some graphs to show our school performance at the end of Year 6 compared to Cornwall and National averages.

The overall picture is of a very strong school providing your children with an outstanding education. We are very proud of all our children and staff. Thank you for all your support too.

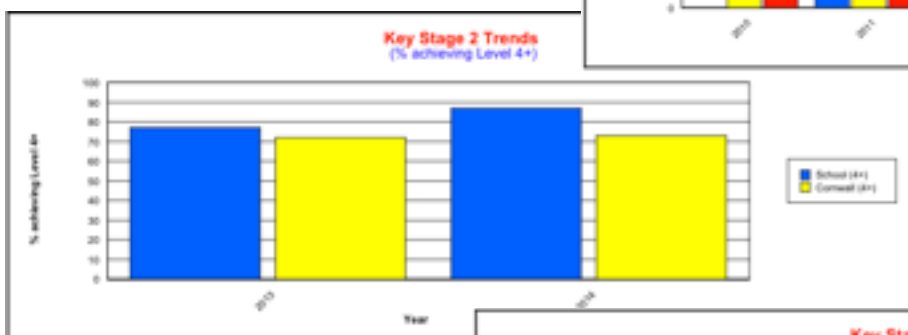
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