

Teacher Assessments in the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2

Foundation Phase Teacher Assessment Results

Context:

2011 - 2012 is the first year where the pupils at the end of Year Two in schools across Wales have been assessed against the new Foundation Phase assessments. Prior to this pupils were assessed on National Curriculum Levels (a child would have been expected Level 2). In the Foundation Phase there are now seven Areas of Learning:

- Personal and Social Development, Well-Being and Cultural Diversity
- Language, Literacy and Communication Skills
- Mathematical Development
- Welsh Language Development
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- Physical Development
- Creative Development.

Currently at the end of the Foundation Phase, teachers are required to assess and report outcomes attained by each child by means of teacher assessment in 3 Areas of Learning:

- Personal and Social Development, Well Being and Cultural Diversity (PSD)
- Language, Literacy and Communication Skills in Welsh (LCW) or English (LCE)
- Mathematical Development (MDT)

In addition there are six outcomes per Area of Learning and for information purposes the following outcomes broadly cross-reference to the previous national curriculum level descriptions:

- Foundation Phase Outcome 4 links with National Curriculum Level 1
- Foundation Phase Outcome 5 links with National Curriculum Level 2
- Foundation Phase Outcome 6 links with National Curriculum Level 3

Reliability of assessment process:

To ensure accuracy and consistency across schools a more rigorous moderation process by a team of Denbighshire teachers moderated Foundation Phase Outcomes across all schools. This process ensured that procedures are robust and reliable. Currently there is no National verification process for Foundation Phase Outcomes.

It is important to note that this is a different method of assessing the progress of children. Subsequently comparisons between Foundation Phase Outcomes and the previous KS1 Assessments can only be indicative and not absolute.

However, in terms of Denbighshire ranked position in 2012 we have seen an improvement on the previous year. Denbighshire is now ranked 11th Authority in Wales compared to a ranked position in 18th in the previous year this compares favourably with our ranked free school meal position.

Outcomes:

In 2012 the Foundation Phase Outcome Indicator - where children achieved at least Outcome 5 in the 3 assessed outcomes of :

- Personal and Social Development, Well Being and Cultural Diversity (PSD)
- Language, Literacy and Communication Skills in Welsh (LCW) or English (LCE)
- Mathematical Development (MDT)

Denbighshire's position is as follows:

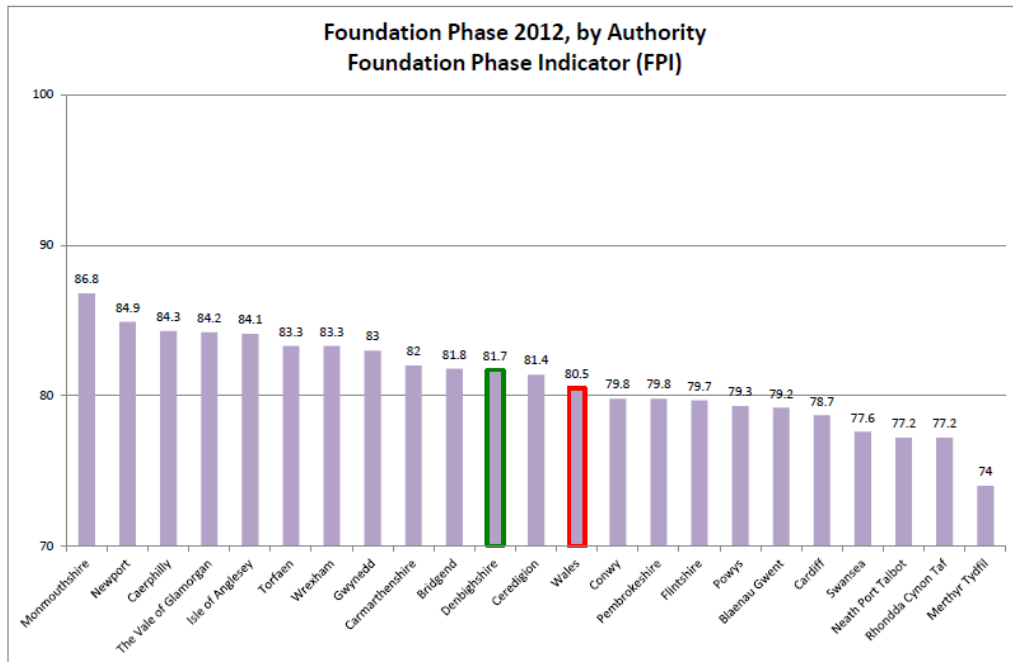
		Denbighshire 2008		Denbighshire 2009		Denbighshire 2010		Denbighshire 2011		Denbighshire 2012	
		%	Ranking	%	Ranking	%	Ranking	%	Ranking	%	Ranking
ASSESSMENTS Foundation Phase (Outcome 5+)	PSD									90.5	15
	LCE									84.0	10
	LCW									88.4	4
	MDT									88.6	9
	FPI									81.7	11
Key Stage 1 (Level 2+)	English	82.3	11	86.2	5	84.8	5	80.9	17		
	Welsh	90.4	12	89.8	13	90.7	10	89.7	17		
	Maths	88.9	5	88.9	6	89.1	7	86.7	18		
	Science	89.7	13	90.8	6	90.0	15	89.0	18		
	CSI	80.4	15	83.2	6	82.4	9	79.8	18		

Key for Assessments 2012

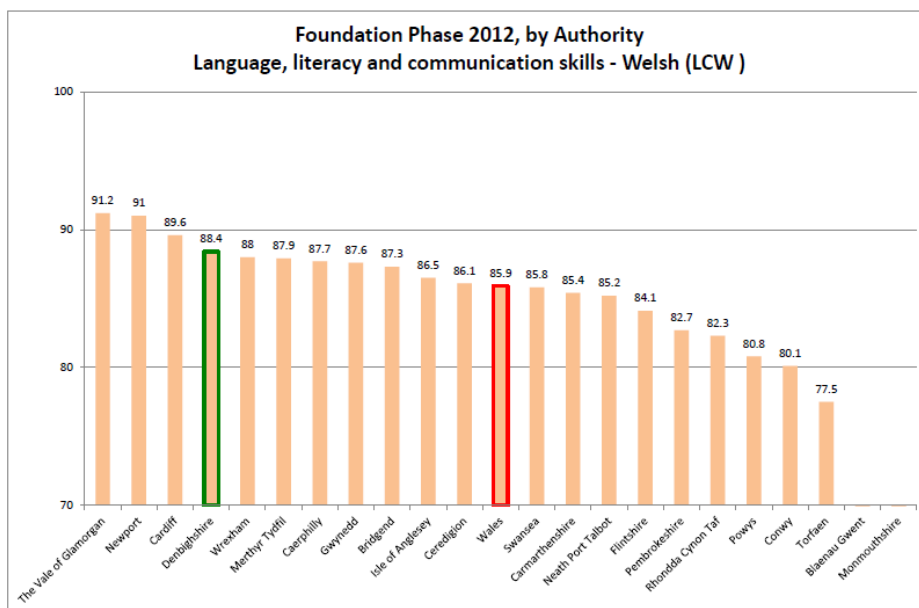
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- Language, Literacy and Communication Skills in Welsh (LCW) or English (LCE)
- Mathematical Development (MDT)
- Foundation Phase Outcome Indicator (FPI)

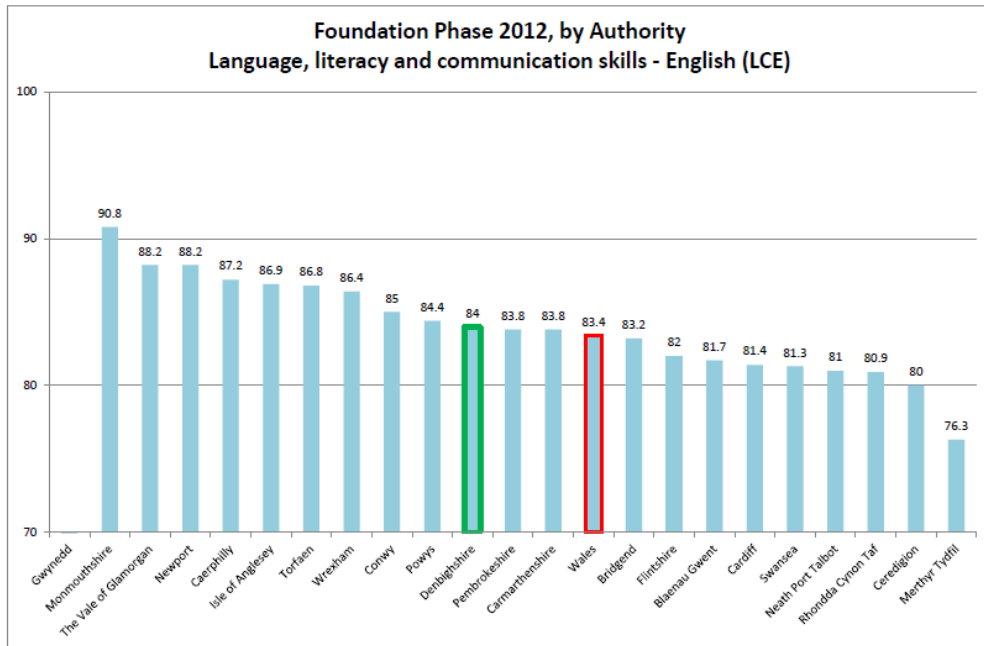
The following charts show Denbighshire's position in comparison to other Authorities in a range of indicators.



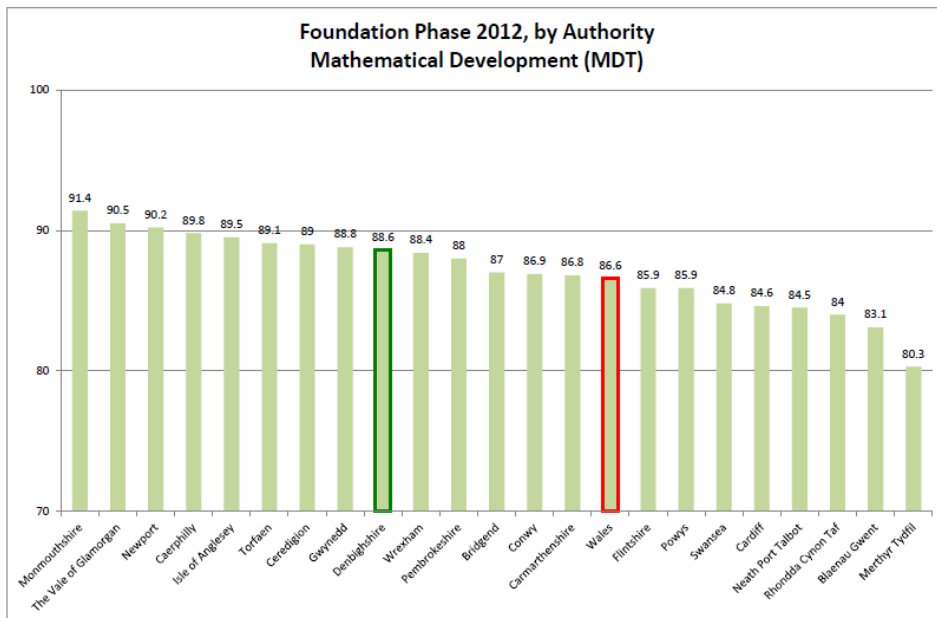
2012 Foundation Phase Outcome Indicator



Language, Literacy and Communication Skills in Welsh (1st Language) in Denbighshire is ranked at 4th in Wales an achievement to be celebrated and an improvement on the ranking of 17th last year.



Language, Literacy and Communication Skills in English in Denbighshire is ranked 10th with an improved percentage score of 3.1% over last year when Denbighshire was ranked 17th.



Mathematical development in Denbighshire also showed an improved All Wales ranking of 9th this year as compared to 18th last year.

Areas for Development.

- Review and evaluation of current provision and support.
- Targeted support for Personal and Social Development, Well Being and Cultural Diversity.