

Governor Newsletter

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Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the Easter newsletter from the Governing Body at Sellindge Primary. Over the last two terms we have welcomed two new members to our board. One person many of you will be familiar with and that is Bev Jordan-Luke and the second is a parent from school, James Hornsey. I am sure that both will be very valuable members of the school community. We have been carrying out visits to school during this time; a summary of our findings are outlined in the newsletter.

It was also great to speak to so many of you during Parent's Evening last week and wonderful to see how well the children are doing in school. Some of the things that came out of our chats with you included how well the staff knew the children and could talk about their progress and what they need to learn next. Some parents expressed how pleased they were with the experiences the children have whilst in school.

We had the privilege of spending a day in school, with the staff and children, and had the opportunity to take a closer look at all the things that are taking place. We visited maths lessons to see how the children use manipulatives and modelling to help them learn and it was interesting to see how the learning progressed over the school. It was great to see how confidently the children could talk about their work using the correct mathematical vocabulary and how proud they all were to share what they have been taught. Some of the governors looked at the school finances to make sure the budget was going to balance before the end of the financial year and that it has been spent appropriately. Like all schools, there is never enough money but we were very happy with how the budget was being managed. Some governors discussed safeguarding and attendance with Miss Wren. They were more than satisfied that school take their role to the keep the children safe very seriously and follow the correct procedures to ensure those children who are absent, come into school. A few governors spoke to staff about staff wellbeing and even though they are working incredibly hard, staff said they feel supported and enjoy coming to work. However one point was brought up about feeling they should reply to emails during the evening and weekends. We discussed including a footnote at the end of emails to make others aware that they should not expect staff to reply out of work hours. All governors were very impressed with the behaviour of all the children across the day and noted how any inappropriate behaviours were dealt with swiftly.

During the afternoon, we visited a variety of different lessons from PE to science and music. It was amazing to see how all pupils were engaged in their learning and accessing the curriculum and most of all how much they enjoyed the sessions. Some of us looked at the RE books and were very impressed with how diversity was evident across the RE learning and others had chance to see how diversity was incorporated across the curriculum as a whole. This was something the school have looking at following the last OFSTED visit. We were also able to observe how technology is used to enhance learning but as always, we know we could do with more or better resources to support this.

It was great to talk to the children about their sustainability and Eco projects as well as their WILD learning. All of these were very popular with the children. They were able to tell us how the learning in WILD sessions linked to the learning they have been doing in the classroom such as in science or maths. The children loved the sessions even when the weather wasn't great!

See the link below to see the minutes of the full Governing Body meetings that have been held this year.

We wish you all a very happy Easter break and look forward to seeing you in the Summer term.

Click this [link](#) to take you to the Governor pages of the school website.

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