

## GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,

As another academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your continued support. It is a pleasure to serve a school whose emphasis is academic excellence whilst fostering a love of learning and developing a curiosity in the world around us and wider world, which we hope will set all our children up for success both educationally and as they move through life.

The governors actively challenge the school, interrogating what the school does and how it does it, so we know our children gain value from each and all the educational experiences that are offered to them.

We have an active governing board who attend the school several times a month either in committee meetings or link roles. We have refocused our efforts this year to have Year Link governors to enable us to really understand and get to know each year group and how the educational standards are enhanced throughout each year of a pupil's school life.

The annual Democracy Week grows in strength which is led by a governor, and which five of my team participated in to enable the children to experience democracy and British values first hand. It is something we are very proud to offer all our children for the third year running.

We continue to support and promote art, music and inclusion throughout school life and this underpins our strategy to deliver excellence and exceptional experiences. I trust you'll agree with me that in a testing time Jane and all her team continue to deliver this strategy in a thoughtful and focused manner.

On a personal note, it was wonderful to support Democracy Week and I listened with interest to the policies that the children thought were important, from the eternal bug bare of toilets and lunch menus, to other diverse ideas such as changing the school preferred search engine to 'ecosia' where the advertising revenue is invested in planting trees, and the idea of a walking bus. To Solly, the newly elected Prime Minister, and his deputy Suki, congratulations, but as with any elected office, we now hope you can deliver on your ideas and I look forward to supporting you.

I wish the year sixes a smooth transition to secondary school and I hope we've helped make some very happy memories, and given you a solid foundation for whatever comes next. Make yourselves proud and always be the best you can be.

Yours,

Damian

On behalf of the Board of Governors.

