

WHAT THE GOVERNORS HAVE BEEN DOING THIS YEAR.

The governors on the Academy Council have had a very busy year, challenging and supporting the academy staff in order to get the best possible learning experience for your children. As ever there have been many successes but there have also been some particular challenges. The staff have worked hard to minimise any disruption caused by the building of the new school as well as dealing with the serious illness and subsequent loss of Marie Crossley who was a valued colleague and friend. In this, the academy has been supported by the Outwood Grange Academies Trust who have been able to provide additional resources to help the school cope with these issues.

These are some of the activities that governors have been involved with this year. We have:

- Worked with the School Parliament and Mr. Brightmore to invite local community members to a termly coffee morning where we have showed them the work of the school; shared our love of books and reading and enjoyed performances by the choir.
- Our two Reverends, Rob Drost and Jo Kershaw have delivered assemblies and offered pastoral support throughout the year.
- Contributed to careers week with inputs to the children and judged the science week competition.
- Helped the School Parliament to understand democracy at a local and national level. A trip to meet the Mayor, have a tour of the Town Hall and then attend the opening of a full council meeting in County Hall Wakefield was organised by Councillor Nic Stansby. This was then followed by a trip to the Houses of Parliament for our Prime Minister Aine and Deputy Prime Minister Scarlett along with their equivalents from the other nine primaries in the Trust arranged by the local MP Andrea Jenkyns. The children quizzed the Schools Minister Nick Gibb and I can tell you that they asked some really interesting questions in the half hour that they had with him.
- Examined particular activities in the school and questioned staff with regular monitoring activity of Safeguarding, SEND and Health and Safety.
- Helped in class and at fundraising events whenever possible.
- Monitored the administration of the KS2 SATs tests.
- Been interviewed by OfSTED inspectors as part of the Summary Evaluation of Outwood Grange Academies Trust. (The report has now been published)

Next year promises to be exciting and as challenging as ever with the opening of the new school, the demolition of the old buildings, landscaping of the new play areas and the introduction of the new curriculum to mention just a few. We will be continuing to work with the Kirkhamgate Community Association on local issues such as road safety on Brandy Carr Road which continues to be an area of concern particularly at school dropping off and picking up times; continuing to develop our community links as well as our usual monitoring and supporting activities.

We are saying goodbye to our vice-chair Caroline Shaw at the end of this term. Caroline has been a governor since 2010 and continued on the academy council long after her own children had moved on to secondary school. She has helped in school on a weekly basis but is now moving on in her own career. We will be sorry to see her go but thank her for her dedication and contribution towards the success of the school.

We are very grateful for the contribution of parents and carers in supporting their children's learning and our school. We are also grateful to the parents who returned the survey and I will get back to you via the newsletter in the autumn term with the conclusions and any actions resulting from the comments. We are very proud of our children who are wonderful representatives of the school and of the Principal and the staff who work very hard to help the children progress and learn in a safe and stimulating environment. We will also continue to serve the school community to the best of our ability with enthusiasm and dedication.

We hope that you and your families enjoy the summer break and we will see you in September.

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Chair of the Academy Council on behalf of the governors

Caroline Shaw (Vice-Chair)
Rev. Rob Drost (Sponsor Governor)
Rev. Jo Kershaw (Sponsor Governor)
Claire Evans (Sponsor Governor)
Sarah Thomas-Kovacs (Sponsor Governor)

Cllr. Nic Stansby (Sponsor Governor)
Sonia Wilson (Parent Governor)
Lauren Goodfellow (Parent Governor)
Mel Jowett (Teaching Staff Governor)
Nic Mullooly (Support Staff Governor)

NEWSLETTER

DATE July 2019

UP COMING DATES

July

Fri 19th- Y6 leaver's assembly
9:15am (Y6 parents invited)
Fri 19th -Last day of term

September

Tues 3rd- Start of school
Friday 20th- INSET
Mon 23rd- INSET
Tues 24th- INSET
These INSET days are when we move into the new building.

Contact details

Please ensure all your contact detail are up-to-date. If you have made any changes, please tell the school office.

Choir Shine

Choir joined our 9 other primary and junior schools from across the trust to perform at the Octagon in Sheffield. It was a fantastic experience where the children sang together as well as performing their own song.

Sports, Health & Well-being Week

Last week, we welcomed a variety of visitors into school as part of our Sports, Health and Well-being week. These included Elite Kids Coaching, Chris Kamara and Wakefield Council. The children had the chance to experience a range of activities including outdoor learning, dodgeball, circuit training, mindfulness & yoga and even roller biking! What a great week!

Yorkshire Air Ambulance

Our school parliament organised a fundraising day for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Children were invited to come into school wearing a yellow accessory. Your generous donations raised a total of £127.89. Thank you for your support.

Coffee Morning

Our last community coffee morning of the year was another success. School Parliament shared their actions from over the year and choir provided the entertainment.

Goodbye

As you will know, Miss Mitton is leaving us this year, moving to a different school in Lincoln. We all wish her the very best of luck. We are also saying goodbye for now to Mrs Holt, who will be continuing her role at OPA Bell Lane.

Well done!

As we prepare to finish school for the Summer, we would like to say a huge well done to all our pupils for their hard work this year.

We hope you all have a happy and safe Summer holidays and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 3rd September.

Attendance

So far this year, our whole school attendance is **96.25%**, which is just below our target of 97%

There have been **223** instances of lateness this year.



Yorkshire Air Ambulance



Choir performing at 'Shine'



Chris Kamara visits the school



Community Coffee Morning