



THRESHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Governor Newsletter – April 2017

Pupils' Progress

As we near the Easter holidays we celebrate another fantastic term at Threshfield Primary School. As Governors we have been delighted with the progress made on our school priorities, one of which is extended pieces of writing. At the February merit assembly the Kingfishers beautifully talked about their topic of Tanzania demonstrating their understanding of the different culture. Curlews showed us their powerpoint presentations outlining the different subject areas they had covered this term. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and confidence across the curriculum. The Red Kites wrote and performed an excellent shadow puppet show depicting the story of the wives of Henry VIII, a web link and pictures of which can be seen on the school website. Further evidence of this work is on show around the school and we look forward to seeing their ability to write at greater length continue into the summer term.

A further school priority has been the deeper understanding and mastery in maths which the pupils displayed to us at the merit assembly this week. The Kingfishers confidently read out detailed mathematical puzzles which they had been solving outside the classroom. The answers were guessed by other pupils and confirmed using the newly purchased Numicon materials. Curlews performed an excellent and complex mathematical quiz using different solving techniques which even had the parents guessing! The Red Kites showed their higher level of understanding of Pi with presentations around how they had solved the theory using chalk, string and the playground. And finally, they even used the new "Dab" craze to deepen their understanding of angles – we all "dab a different angle". I certainly learnt something new.

School Vision

"Flying together as we grow and learn".

Thank you to those of you who responded to the text regarding the schools vision. After much discussion staff and governors are pleased to announce that we have updated the schools vision – copy of which is attached to this newsletter. This was a key priority at our recent governance review and we look forward to shaping the future direction of the school through this.

Successes

During their recent visit to the school the LA were thrilled with the progress which has been made since the last Ofsted inspection – outcomes for learners continue to improve and our governance action plan also ensures our school improvement priorities are continuing to



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impact positively. I'm sure you will join the Governors in thanking the staff and Mr Cook for their ongoing commitment and hard work.

Threshfield Primary School is delighted to be able to continue to offer pupils the opportunity of learning in a three class structure which we believe enhances their learning environment. We are encouraged by the increase in numbers joining in September both in Reception and higher up in the school.

News

There are still vacancies on the Governing Body and if anyone is interested in this please contact either Mr Cook or a Governor to discuss further.

And finally, on behalf of everyone we would like to thank Mrs Selby for all her hard work and commitment to the school over the past few years. She has been a Parent, TA, Secretary, Governor and member of the friends committee. We wish her the very best in her new position at the Montessori school.

Sophie Caygill

Vice Chair