



Not a new face, as I have been a governor at Mandeville for over 10 years, but I have recently taken over from Sarah Lilly, our fantastic Chair for 6 years – I have a lot to live up to! Our thanks and gratitude go to Sarah and we wish her luck in her next projects. As usual, our governing team have been working hard behind the scenes carrying out school visits, gathering pupil opinions, going on enriching trips and even donning some sportswear to show their support for sustainable travel!

Barry Young, Chair of Governors



A Great Team Effort

It's been a fantastic year for Mandeville being recognised for their input in sustainable travel both across the school and within the Sawbridgeworth community. In November, Annelise and Kate represented Mandeville and the other local primary schools at the Regional Modeshift STARS Awards and collected an award for the Sawbo Travel Challenge. And then on 5th March, the pair attended the Modeshift STARS National Schools Awards at Portcullis House at the Houses of Parliament. The governors travelled to London with the two Junior Travel Ambassadors, Jess Molt and Freya Gordon, to present the Sawbo Travel Challenge to other schools and MPs. Mandeville was named Modeshift STARS Primary School of 2019 in recognition of the cross working between the five schools, Sawbridgeworth Town Council, with support from Hertfordshire County Council and East Herts District Council. A fantastic achievement and great that everyone's hard work has paid off. This was seen again on 30th March with this year's 'Spring in Your Step Day.' An 'Olympic' style torch relay was paraded by pupils from each of the Sawbridgeworth schools, accompanied by several Town Councillors, local cyclists, fitness group Moving Mums and was supported by the police and PCSOs and Hertfordshire's Stepasaurus mascot, Buster, who was spotted scooting and 'flossing' in school playgrounds. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support with these Walk To School and sustainable travel initiatives.



The Sawbo Travel Group at Portcullis House at the Houses of Parliament with MPs Jesse Norman and Mark Prisk

The Importance of Mental Health

At Mandeville a pupil's mental health is viewed as being just as important as their physical and emotional well-being and we offer a variety of programmes which recognise this, such as The Circle of Friends and mindfulness sessions. Recently Claire Gowland attended a Mental Health Workshop where she learnt about the latest thinking in mental health in schools.

Impressive Cycling

To mark The Big Pedal, a national scheme to encourage more pupils to cycle and scoot to school, The Xtreme Mountain Bike Show visited Mandeville and demonstrated some exciting and dangerous skills. Pupils, teachers and governors were impressed with a man jumping his bike onto podiums and high jumping over ridiculously high poles.



The Echo Reading Programme

Fernanda and Annelise have conducted pupil interviews to gauge their opinions on the Echo Reading Programme, which Mandeville is currently trialling. This involves a teacher reading out loud and pupils then repeating it in the same style using emphasis, pauses and emotions in their voices. This has proved successful both in improving reading and confidence in speaking.