



Mandeville Primary School

# Governors' newsletter

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The summer term is always packed with a full itinerary, and staff and governors worked flat out for pupils to achieve their potential. Years 2 and 6 achieved fantastic SATS results. The Curriculum for Learning was enhanced with numerous exciting trips, training days, Sports Day and Year 6 treated us to the fabulous musical, Porridge, before we wished them well in their new schools.

Sarah Lilly, Chair of Governors



## Pedestrian Training

Governors Annelise, Kate and Kevin have been trained by Herts County Council's travel team, to take pupils from Y4 out into the streets of Sawbridgeworth, and teach them the rules of the road, what hazards to look out for and how to cross roads safely when an adult is not present. You'd be amazed how many people ignore the zebra crossing and walk diagonally across the road!



Annelise Pedestrian Training

## Sports Day

This exciting day was enjoyed not only by pupils, but by staff, governors, parents and carers. It was a very hot day, but pupils wore their house bibs with pride and competed in events such as the sack race, javelin and sprinting. There really was a friendly atmosphere and camaraderie.



Jennifer beachcombing at Mersea

## Kingswood Adventure

For several years now, Barry Young has joined Y6 on their fantastic 5 day residential trip to Kingswood. This year he not only went in June, but September too, providing support and encouragement to the children and even pastoral care. He's now got quite a collection of Mandeville hoodies!



## Educational But Fun Trips

Pupils at Mandeville love going on school trips, as do the governors. Last term governors were privileged to go to Mersea Island, Hatfield Forest, a boat trip to Broxbourne, Stansted Airport to name but a few. These trips bring alive what the children have been learning about in class and offer extra elements which cannot be learnt in the classroom.



## Listening to the Pupils

We believe that pupils' opinions are crucial. For this reason, governors often go in to school and talk to the children. Last term, Kate and Sarah spoke to a cross section of pupils from Years 1-6 about the recent appointment of Sports and PE LSA, Melinda Brett. At the moment, the school is given a sum of money (Sports Premium funding), which is ring-fenced to make additional and sustainable improvement to the quality of PE and sport. This new role is just one of the initiatives the money has been spent on. According to the pupils, Mrs Brett is a resounding success, making playtimes more fun, organising more team games and encouraging all children to take part, as well as helping with the everyday organisation of PE and sporting fixtures.