



Mandeville Primary School

# Governors' Newsletter

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We have had an exciting Autumn Term and Governors have been entertained by the Christmas performances, enjoyed the Harvest Celebration and the Christmas Carol event. Governors have even turned their hand to learning crafts during Enterprise Week, and accompanied pupils to visit a local Building Society to learn about money and business.

Sarah Lilly, Chair of Governors



## Enriching Trips

The children of Mandeville are very lucky to have their curriculum enriched with many trips. From Nursery to Y6, the children have enjoyed visits such as Harry Potter World, the Great Fire of London tour, Kidzania, St Alban's Cathedral and explored Saxon and Viking life at Layer Marney, and Governors have been on them all, lending a helping hand and learning with the pupils! Governors have also helped when Y6 attended the local Tag Rugby event.

## Town Travel Week

The Sawbo Travel Challenge has been successfully held between 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 involving 5 local primary schools, ending with the Saturday Town Selfie walk. It was fantastic to see children and families from all schools join in and do their bit for sustainable travel. And what a great community vibe too!

## Travel Award

The Travel Week project was shortlisted from 90 applications and won runner-up in the Best Partnership category in the National Sustainable Travel Awards 2017 run by Modeshift STARS. Following success of our initiative, the project has also been introduced in Hertford. Congratulations to Annelise Furnace and Kate Clark for leading this and continuing to champion sustainable travel over many years.



Diagon Alley, Harry Potter World



Annelise and Kate at the Town Selfie Day



Yr 4 selling lavender products during Enterprise Week.

## Spring in Your Step

The Spring in Your Step Travel day will be back on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – you'll need your trainers this year...

## Walking the Maths Walk

A group of us met up for another Maths Learning Walk, visiting several maths lessons. As you may know, Maths is a key focus, and the school has adopted the 'Mastery Approach'. This means that pupils and governors are now gaining deeper knowledge and understanding of maths, using this teaching approach and manipulatives.

## Learning About the Learning and Behind the Scenes

Sarah Lilly and Annelise Furnace have conducted pupil interviews on Maths and Governors sought feedback on Maths teaching at Consultation Evenings. Annelise Furnace and Clare White have reviewed the continuing development of English teaching and Sarah Lilly has met with the Science and Computing subject leaders. We would also like to welcome Michael Hammond, our new site manager and thank him for all his efforts during the challenging weather!