



Mandeville Primary School

Governors' Newsletter

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Happy New Year to you all! What an incredibly busy but fruitful term we've just had. This year one of the main focus areas is Maths and you may well have been asked to fill in an online survey at the Parents' Consultations. Thank you to those who did – your opinions are very important to us. Then there was the Harvest Celebration; The Travel Challenge; Enterprise Week; trips; Christmas productions to name but a few...

Sarah Lilly- Chair of Governors



Enterprising Entrepreneurs

31st October to 4th November was Enterprise Week. This annual event brings the world of business alive to all children from nursery to year 6 and teaches them about marketing, money and profit and loss. Governors helped out with the production of cookies and cakes for the very popular cafes that were run by the children. They also witnessed how newly acquired maths skills were put into practice, even helping out on the stalls selling bread. 'Year 5's mental arithmetic was very impressive, and totals were reached very quickly. I didn't get much change for £10 though! Commented Kate Clark.



Festive Fun and Celebrations

Christmas lunch was a great success. The children enjoyed their roast turkey served by Miss Hales, teachers and governors. Governors also saw all the wonderful Christmas performances. The delightful 'A Wiggly Nativity', performed by The EYFS; 'Magic Jigsaw', beautifully acted and sung by KS1 and the spine-tingling singing of a 'Cinematic Christmas' by KS2 children, will be remembered long into the new year. The Musical Celebration on the last day of term was also enjoyed by several governors. It is so lovely to see each child given some lines or readings to say, or some songs to sing and the confidence they gain from this is incredible. It's not easy standing up in front of a crowd of people to sing a solo.

Learning Walk

At least once a year, governors meet up and walk around the school, visiting classrooms and lessons, joining in with whatever is being taught. This year's maths focus was a key area they were learning about on their walk. Kate Clark and Jennifer Bedford were even seen lying in the playground with the Reception class, making shapes with their bodies. All governors also got to see fun, interactive teaching methods and how well the children responded to these.

Jennifer Bedford, Kate Clark and Annelise Furnace on the 'Learning Walk' on 'Wacky Wednesday'.



Sawbo Travel Challenge Success

I think everyone will agree what a huge success the week of The Sawbo Travel Challenge was. All children, staff and governors enjoyed wearing funky footwear, trainers and something wacky on the 'dress-up' days. A couple of brave governors even wobbled their way into school on their bikes! And despite the wet weather, the turn-out on the Saturday 1st October for the walk was fantastic. Thank you to everybody, who joined in the fun and walked, scooted or cycled to school. Sawbridgeworth was definitely a less polluted, greener place that week! Let's see if next year, Mandeville can't be the winning school with the most sustainable journeys.....

