



Mandeville Primary School

Governors' Newsletter

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Welcome to the second edition of our Governors' Newsletter, keeping parents, carers and the local community up to date each term with what we do! Mandeville has had an incredibly fruitful spring term and we're thrilled that our recent focus on reading has made such a positive impact. In this second issue, we round-up some of our latest activities.

Sarah Lilly- Chair of Governors



Literature Festival fun!

Annelise Furnace accompanied our Year 1, 2, 3 and 6 children to the Festival of Literature Picture Book Award ceremony where they got to hear from several authors on how they got started in writing and what inspires their stories. The children got to vote for their favourite book, with 'Kitchen Disco' coming out the winner.

Your views matter

Kathryn Betts, Kate Clark and Sarah Lilly surveyed 150 parents and carers about parental engagement at the latest consultation meeting. Miss Hales has provided feedback to the school community about the results. It was great to meet so many of you and thanks for allowing yourselves to be willing participants!

Focus on grammar

The spring term saw a week-long focus on grammar and reading, including a reading workshop, grammar workshop and author visits from Pippa Goodhart and Natasha Stride. Book swap was also a great success. Our annual vocabulary parade also took place and even our teachers dressed up for the occasion! Our children were also invited to submit entries for the 500 word story competition. All of these activities went towards promoting our focus on reading and grammar and were well received by all.



"Mandeville pupils a credit to the school"

Annelise Furnace attended the National Accordion Thames Area Festival held in Hatfield Heath at which a number of Mandeville pupils competed, and where the Mandeville School Band won the coveted accordion bands' trophy. A quote from the day praised our pupils- "The Mandeville pupils were a credit to themselves and their school both in terms of their performances and how they conducted themselves."

Find out more about our governors on our website

www.mandeville221.herts.sch.uk



Sustainable travel- Top of the class in Herts!

Kate Clark and Annelise Furnace arranged Buster's visit to present the Golden Boot Award to Ainsley House for making the most sustainable journeys to school over the autumn term. The Golden Boot Award is a Hertfordshire County Council initiative to encourage more children to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Look out for the 'Big Pedal' this month.

As you know, our travel plan, which is about making sure our children get to school in the safest, greenest way possible, has been awarded the silver Modeshift STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition) by Hertfordshire County Council. Following initiatives such as Buster's Golden Boot, we have submitted our application for the gold Modeshift STARS award and look like we're the only school in Hertfordshire to be in the running! Watch this space...

Cross Country Competition

Mandeville did brilliantly at the Hertfordshire schools Athletics Association Cross Country Competition on 6 January. Governor Jennifer Bedford attended the event.