



Mandeville Primary School

Governors' Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of our Governors' Newsletter, keeping you up to date each term with what we do! Mandeville has had an incredibly successful autumn term and we're delighted to have been recognised as one of the four highest performing primary schools in East Hertfordshire. In this first issue, we round-up some of our latest activities.

Sarah Lilly- Chair of Governors



A look in on Enterprise Week!

We were excited to have the opportunity to visit our link classes during enterprise week. It was delightful to see the children having so much fun designing, marketing, and creating their products. We really saw growth mindsets in action and the children clearly enjoyed the experience.

Getting out and about

Governors get involved in all aspects of school life, from classroom visits, to trips and watching school productions. This term, year two went to the museum of London, which really brought their learning of the fire of London to life. Governors Barry Young and Kate Clark enjoyed the day and learnt a huge amount from the children's enthusiasm and knowledge.

Focus on reading

English link governors, Jacky Pfister and Annelise Furnace have been supporting the school's focus on reading this term through a series of pupil voice interviews and a survey of parent/carer views on reading. They attended this term's consultation evening to talk to parents about their children's reading and their ideas on how the school can make reading even better. All this information has been shared with Mrs Wilson (English subject leader) and Miss Hales to help the school develop reading strategies.



What is the role of a school governor?

Governors are volunteers who want to make a positive contribution to children's education by lending their knowledge and skills to help the growth and development of the school. Governors are also strategic leaders and ultimately accountable for the school's performance. Our governors work with Mandeville to ensure it delivers the best possible education for our children, has a clear vision and ethos and is on track financially. We are members of various committees and have subject and class links.

Silver success for our travel plan!

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. We are seen as a flagship school, one of only three in Hertfordshire, to be recognised for our efforts. We are doing some great things, such as getting involved with Buster's golden boot scheme to 'ditch that car' and road safety training for all years. Annelise collected our silver award and **we are going for gold in 2016!**

New eco-committee formed

We want to develop a sense of environmental responsibility in our children and one of the ways we do this is through our eco-committee. Class reps are working with Miss Barstow, Annelise and Kate to build on our latest Silver Eco-Schools award, aiming to get the Green Flag Award 2016 by promoting initiatives such as switch off fortnight.

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