

The Leys Primary and Nursery School



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Governor Newsletter Spring 2018

Meet The Governors



 Mrs M Stone	 Mr P Bibby
 Ms L Humphries	 Mr B Hack
 Miss E Sullivan	 Mrs S Lindus
 Mrs M Tyagi	 Mrs D Oakley
 Mrs J Jackson	 Mr S Kantipoodi
 Mr P Robinson	 Miss C Moore
Associate  Mrs D Khangura	Governors  Mrs N Ettiene
Social Governor  Mrs S Strahan	

As you are all aware we had our OFSTED visit on Thursday 15 March. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our hard working team of staff, our wonderful pupils and our supportive parents, that enabled us to show the visiting Inspector what a great place The Leys is to learn in and work.

Governance of the school is judged under the leadership and management component, however, Governors play a role in all aspects through the work they do. Therefore, Governors met with the Inspector to answer any questions he had which included behaviour and welfare, teaching and learning and safeguarding. The outcome of the visit will be communicated in writing at the end of April. For additional information on key roles and other responsibilities of Governors please check out our Governors pages on the fantastic new school website.

<http://www.leys.herts.sch.uk/meet-our-governors.html>

During the Spring Term the Governors have been in school conducting a variety of visits including Science, Special Educational Needs, PE, Sports Premium, More Able, Religious Education, Children Looked After along with several Year Group visits.

The Governors have also been attending training in order to full fill requirements and increase knowledge and understanding.

The Leys have been accredited for our commitment by NACE-The National Association for More Able Children in Education this term and the Governors would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment from all members of the school community , especially Mrs Khangura, on achieving this.

A NACE assessor visited our school on 31st January; observing lessons and interviewing pupils, teachers, parents and governors. She was particularly impressed by importance placed on the needs of more able learners. Mrs Khangura, Deputy Headteacher who led this award commented that it was valuable to have the whole school community involved.





My name is Barry Hack and I am the vice-chair of Governors. One of my responsibilities is the Science link. This involves monitoring activities at school involving Science and meeting with Ms Chandraratna and the pupils to discuss everything to do with the teaching and learning of Science. I make sure we are following the national curriculum and the pupils are learning and progressing with Science, whether as a direct subject or embedded within other lessons.

In that role, I recently sat in a 'Mad Science' assembly, sponsored by Affinity Water, with Key Stage 2 pupils and staff. This one involved the now infamous "Nitro Nick" and his sidekick "Toxic Tom" performing a number of awesome experiments involving water. During the course of the presentation, a number of serious questions were asked, such as: how much fresh water is there in the world; is there any water in the assembly hall; how long does rain take to reach the aquifer and how can we reduce our water consumption. A few of the children were asked to assist with the experiments in a fun and entertaining way, earning a two minute tooth brushing sand-timer as a reward. An occasional flurry of squeals and laughter could be heard when an unexpected shot of water was sprayed from a water pistol in to the air...

Later in the day, I heard many children were discussing water usage whilst in class or in the playground. They recognised if they turned off the tap whilst brushing their teeth they could each save 6,000 litres per year!!

Activities like this make Science fun and I always try to attend such events as I have as much fun as the children and staff. I can't wait for the next one....



New parent governor question time with Peter Robinson

Children from year 6 held a question and answer session with our new parent governor to find out a little more about him.

Why did you want to be a governor? To help make the school even better.

What is your favourite colour? **Green**

Who is your favourite author? **Lee Child or Bernard Cornwell**

What is your favourite food? **Sausages**

What is your favourite fruit? **Plums**

What was your favourite year at school? **Year 6**

What job did you want when you were younger? **Join the Army**

What Sports do you enjoy? **Football and hiking**

And finally....

How does the school impress you?

All of the children seem very happy; my children love coming here. The teachers are all dedicated to helping the children to do their best.

We are looking forward to having you as our new parent governor.



NEW CLASSROOM

Mrs Strahan, Social Governor and Mrs Lindus Staff Governor were both on-site to undertake a very important job, that of opening the newly built classroom, on Wednesday 14 March. The Year 3 children, their teacher and their parents gathered as Ms Humphries asked them to complete the honours and cut the ribbon marking the opening of a fabulous brand new classroom fully equipped with the latest technology. This is an excellent resource for our expanding school.

Governor Award and Golden Table

The Governor award focus this term is **COURAGE**, and the Golden Table, where classmates vote for peers that has shown the school values all term, takes place on Thursday 29 March. Check out the school Newsletter to find out who the proud recipients are.

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