

2017

Excellence

Respect

Equality

Determination
Resilience

Courage

Inspiration

Friendship

The Leys Primary and Nursery School



Accelerating progress



Enriching wellbeing



Promoting partnerships



Governor Newsletter Autumn 2017

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

Social Governor



Mrs Y Strahan



Miss C Moore

Associate

Governors



Mrs D Khangura



Mrs N Etienne

What Do Governors Do?

Our Governing Body comprises of individuals from a variety of backgrounds, who give their time voluntarily in a number of ways.

The Governing Body is responsible for strategic leadership of the school and have core functions including:

- Ensure the school has a clear ethos, vision and strategic direction
- Holds the head teacher to account for the educational performance of pupils in the school
- Oversees the financial management of the school and ensure money is well spent, to ensure positive outcomes for pupils.

Governors enjoy sharing achievements with our pupils and once a term join the school to share in and celebrate the pupils successes.

Governor Award.

Termly, teachers put forward candidates for the Governor award. Senior leaders then whittle this down to just one pupil who is then presented with the Governor Trophy. Their name is etched onto the shield which is then displayed in school.

This term the focus is the school value EXCELLENCE.

Golden Table.



Each class votes for a classmate who they feel displays the school values: Courage, Respect, Determination, Inspiration, Excellence, Friendship and Equality. Those pupils elected join a handful of Governors for a special lunch at a decorated 'Golden Table'. These pupils are awarded ambassador badges which they wear with pride around the school.



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Yvonne Strahan Record Breaker?

Iain and Amelie in Year 5 interviewed Mrs Strahan to ask her about her involvement with The Leys and being a Governor. They asked-



How long have you worked at The Leys?

33 years, before the school was renamed.

When did you become a school Governor and Why?

In 1999, because I wanted to be more involved in the school.

What has been your favourite memory of being a Governor?

Going to a conference and listening to an ex-head and OFSTED inspector talk about schools and governance. It was very interesting and he was very funny!

After 18 years of being a Governor at The Leys Mrs Strahan has decided to resign from the board, however luckily for us, she has agreed to remain as a Social Governor.

On behalf of the Governing Body we would like to thank her for her commitment and involvement with our school, which we are sure we will continue to benefit from.

COMMUNICATION

As a Governing Body we are working on our communication with all stakeholders.

Governors have been involved in parent/carers and staff surveys. We have attended pupil parliaments, Friends of The Leys meetings and Parent in Partnership meetings.

We now attend more social visits than before and will be increasing the number of link visits to classes to interact with the children and staff.

Look out for us across the coming term. We will be wearing our new **BLUE** Governor lanyards

Safeguarding

Safeguarding holds the utmost importance here at The Leys. All Governors and staff attend regular safeguarding training and have completed PREVENT training, which is concerned with radicalisation. A number of Governors have been trained in safer recruitment. Mel Stone and Sarveshwar Rao Kantipoodi are linked to safeguarding this year and will be checking the single central record termly as well as having frequent meetings with the Designated Senior Person (DSP) and reporting this back to Governors.



Friday 8th December
was ENTERPRISE DAY

All the Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the school for their hard work and dedication, and to wish you all a
**Very Happy Christmas
& Best Wishes for 2018**



Each year group designed and made Xmas crafts to sell to parents, carers and friends. The children worked collaboratively and used their skills to produce some fantastic creations. The money each year group raise will be spent on classroom items of their choice. Some of the Governors were involved in the production line! They were very impressed with the enthusiasm and creativity of the pupils.

