

# Launde Primary School

## Governor Newsletter

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December 2019

As the term draws to a close, we write to you to share some of the activities the Governors have been involved in this term.

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We welcome our new Governor, Dr Suman Saha. As you can see from the personal statement below, he has a wealth of experience to supplement the knowledge of our Governing Body.

*'Currently, I am working as a Senior Lecturer at De Montfort University, Leicester. My previous university roles were at University of Surrey, University College London, SOAS and Royal Holloway. I have particular expertise in curriculum design and implementation (I have redesigned MSc IBM curriculum at University of Surrey and designed modules in MSc Professional Accountancy programme at University College London and sustainability modules at DMU) which I can bring into revisiting and enriching the school curriculum.*

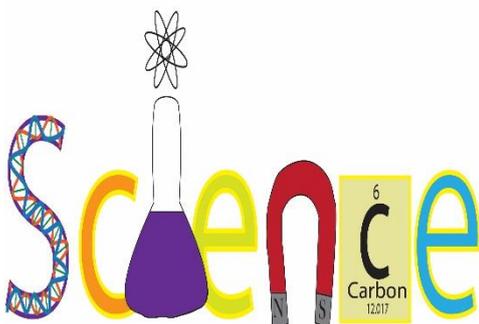


*I also have experience of teaching and providing academic leadership at the level of primary and secondary education. From 2004 to 2008, I have worked at Scholastica International School in Dhaka, Bangladesh as a Faculty and Academic Supervisor (vice principal) responsible for training and development of the faculty members. I can bring in this experience to revisit the scopes, relevance and quality of training and development opportunity provided to the academic staff members at the school.*

*As National Director of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Bangladesh, I have managed programme, portfolio and operations at a country level and I can bring this experience in reviewing and broadening the scopes of co-curricular provisions offered at the school. I have experience of chairing committees and committee membership.*

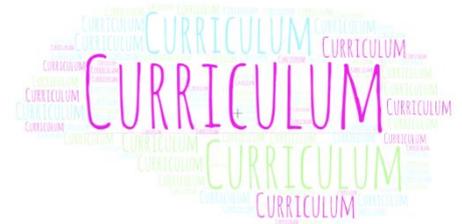
*I am industrious, inspirational, and have team building skills. I am committed to serving the school as a governor who can make a difference to the overall learning experience of each child based on their individual learning abilities. In doing this, I will be committed to undertaking training required to perform in the role effectively.'*

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Mr Mukadam attended a Governing Body meeting to share how science is taught in the school and the important links the school is making with industry to ensure the children's learning has context and to broaden their aspirations. We saw a variety of children's work which displayed a high standard of subject knowledge and enquiry skills. Mr Mukadam also shared the work he has been doing supporting other schools as a STEM facilitator and the links he has formed with Beauchamp, setting up after school clubs. Thank you to Mr Mukadam for presenting at the meeting and for all your hard work in promoting science and STEM within the school.

An important part of our role is to carry out school visits and meet school staff to find out about current curriculum provision at Launde. Some of the Governors have completed a learning walk around the school. We found out the different ways the school enthuse and motivate pupils and were pleased with the different levels of questioning used to encourage the children to think, discuss and participate. The children were all engaged in all lessons and were eager to learn.



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A word from the Chair, Mr Thomas:



*'I have been enjoying spending time in the school in my first term as Chair. I have attended regular meetings to touch base with the senior leaders as I believe this is a very important part of my role as well as meeting staff and pupils. I am delighted with the new hall and have seen it utilised fully to increase the amount of PE and drama that has taken place in school. The school has organised some exciting activities for the pupils this term, including many school visits and an aspirations event for the older pupils. I feel lucky to be involved in such a forward thinking and proactive school with a strong moral purpose'*

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### Key events:

In our November meeting, we received training on Safeguarding, delivered by Rob Padgett, a Trustee for the school. It is important that we as Governors know the level of training that the school staff have and have the training ourselves so we can do our duty, alongside school staff to ensure pupils' care is of highest importance. It was a very informative session.

'Aspirations Day', organised by Mrs Sitram and supported by other staff, was a huge success and we would like to add our own thanks to the staff and the parents who gave up their time to come and share with the children the jobs they do. The children were very inspired about the different jobs they could do in the future. A similar event took place previously, and it was pleasing to see that it has been repeated as this is a valuable opportunity for the pupils and an exceptional way of encouraging pupils to have a personal goal to aim towards.

'No school is an island' is a well-used phrase at Launde and behind the scenes the teachers do much work supporting other schools and working on collaborative projects. We get an annual report given to us about all the activities that have taken place through the teaching school. Mrs Christopher has completed work with two other schools to share Launde's MfL teaching which has been much appreciated. Our Foundation staff have also worked with Glenfield Primary School. This benefits other schools as well as our own pupils, as new ideas are brought into school to enhance provision and keep the school being an outward looking school.

We would like to thank the Parents Group for all their hard work this term. The Christmas card designs take many hours to organise and of course, the Christmas Fair is very popular with parents and children alike, meeting in the school socially to raise money for the pupils.

The new playground markings that were funded by the PTA were put in place in October half term and make the top playground a bright and colourful place to be as well as encouraging the children to be active. Thank you to all parents who support these events both as guests and helpers.

You may have noticed that several awards have been added to the website. We as Governors are proud of these achievements as they demonstrate the high level of teaching and learning that takes place and are an external endorsement of the work that our teachers complete. The awards that have been achieved are:



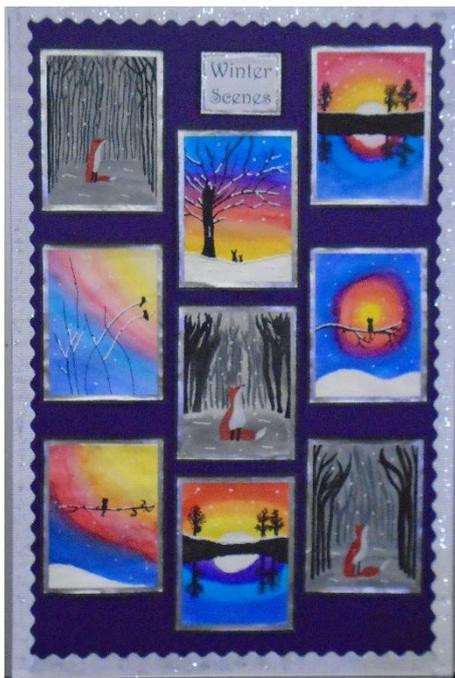
Gold Games Mark

International School Award

Music Mark

The Quality Mark mid-term review took place that reviews the quality of English and Maths provision. We were pleased to hear that the school received very positive feedback. Particular note was made regarding 'the strong and inclusive vision throughout the school', 'focus and promotion of reading across the school' and high quality of writing opportunities in different contexts and for different audiences. The assessor noted that the questioning in maths was very good, helping children put their learning into context.

Staff are currently working on renewing the Healthy Schools Award.



We wish you all a very merry holiday time with family and friends.

From Launde Governing Body

