



# Launde Primary School

## Governor Newsletter



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**December 2022**

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It has been lovely to see all the children and staff settling back into school routines and having a positive start to this academic year. The governors have been busy this Autumn term working closely with the Trust and the school to set out key priorities and updating school strategies. The Governors have attended meetings with the Trust and the school, which have been a positive insight into the school's effectiveness. This term we have particularly focussed on school visits, the health and safety of the school and the wellbeing of staff and children.

### **Changes in the Governing Body**

Malvinder Plaha was re-elected to continue his role as Chair of Governance. Due to work commitments, Visveswaran Mallayan, has resigned from his role as a Vice-Governor. We would like to thank him for his hard work as Vice Chair, and in particular his role in monitoring the finances of the school. Sumeya Vankalwala has been elected as the new Vice-Chair for the Governing Body. There will now be a vacancy for a new parent governor to be elected to join our Governing Body in January 2023. The information will be sent to all our parents to consider at the very beginning of the new term however in the meantime, do consider the possibility. Although there is a time commitment, it is a very rewarding position and you would be joining a very committed team of governors for the school.

### **Governor Priorities for the School Year**

At the start of every school year the Governing Body sets out some key priorities for the year.

For 2022/23 those are:

- *Standards of teaching and learning* – The Governing Body will continue to monitor the high standards of delivery of teaching and learning across the school. This term, we have carried out a Maths visit, which was very useful as it provided us with a greater depth of knowledge and understanding of how the subject is being developed across Foundation, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Next term, an English visit has been scheduled in, and we are very much looking forward to seeing how the delivery of literacy is carried out across the school. We had the opportunity to meet staff and parents on 'Book Look' days prior to parents' evenings. The feedback from both staff and parents was increasingly positive. We were delighted that parents were able to look at their child's books with their child and this then led to positive discussion with teachers on parents' evenings. A positive experience for all!
- *Health and Safety and Wellbeing* – This must always continue to be a key priority for the Governing Body. This term, the Chair has carried out a Health and Safety audit, which will continue to be monitored and updated throughout the academic year. We are pleased to report no issues were reported. We are updated by the headteacher on the wellbeing of staff and children. Due to sickness bugs and the effects of long term Covid, we are keeping a close eye on attendance as being in school is very important.



We are monitoring the systems the school has in place to reduce both the lateness and attendance in line with the new Government Attendance expectations that were issued in September.

- *Ofsted* – Our Ofsted visit is due and Governors are key to supporting the school in achieving the right outcome. We will continue to ensure the school is adequately prepared for a visit and that the Governing Body is also ready for visits. This term, some of our Governors have attended an online workshop in preparation for Ofsted. As Governors, we now have a greater understanding of how Ofsted will inspect governance under the new inspection framework.
- *Governance - Effectiveness of the Governing Body* – This is a pivotal role to ensure school effectiveness. This term, we have had our annual governing meeting where we worked alongside Governors from the other two schools in the Trust, senior leaders and Trustees. This was positive and highlighted a confident start to the academic year. Furthermore, the Chair and Vice-Chair attended a ‘Governors and Trustee’ conference in September and also a Chairs and Vice-Chairs meeting in October. Both meetings were extremely valuable in keeping us informed about key information about the Trust. The Chair has also peer reviewed another school’s governing body to strengthen governance across the Trust. This will continue across the year, as internal scrutiny and feedback improves the effectiveness of the local governing body.

### **Enrichment Activities**

The school continues to be involved in outreach work with schools within the Trust, local schools as well as welcoming in visitors to support and enhance the children’s learning.

### **Collaboration across the Trust**

A close and supportive relationship continues with Glenfield Primary School. We have been pleased to hear that moderation sessions have taken place between the two schools to ensure judgements against national standards are accurate and sharing of ideas takes place.

### **Move It Boom 2022!**

We were very pleased to learn that once again this year, Launde had taken part in the Move it Boom 2022! It is a physical activity competition organised by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust. This initiative helps raise awareness of the importance of keeping physically fit. Congratulations to pupils for finishing in fourth position, a great achievement!



### **International School Award**

We are delighted that Launde Primary School has been recognised for the quality of the international work that takes place in school and have been awarded the International School Award again. We would like to thank all the staff for their continued hard work in achieving this award.

## Christmas 2022 Activities

It has been lovely to see the festive decorations around school and the Christmas rehearsals are in full swing! The children have been practising their songs and are very excited to performed to their loved ones! We are also very excited to see the Christmas concerts and no doubt they will be exceptional and exceed our expectations! Thank you to all the staff and pupils for their outstanding efforts in making this an enjoyable experience for everyone!



## Our Christmas Message To You All

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. This term has been a very busy one, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Priddey, all the teaching staff, office staff, lunchtime staff and premise officers for their positive attitude in making Launde Primary School a success.

**From the Launde Governing Body**

# Launde Governing Body

*For information about the Governing Body, please go to our school website.*

