

Launde Primary School

Governor Newsletter

March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Easter newsletter this year from the Launde Governing Body. It has been a very productive term for the Governing body as we have been involved in many school visits monitoring the curriculum across various areas of the school. It has also been a busy few weeks for the trust with the new CEO Mr Samuel Coy being appointed and Miss Sandhu retiring. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Coy and wish Miss Sandhu a restful but fulfilled retirement. Both the Chair and Vice Chair were able to participate in the leaving event held for Miss Sandhu at Launde, where all the teachers got to say their goodbyes!

The school has had a successful term with children being recognised for their good manners in school as well as the good work ethic the children have shown. We thank all the staff for making the lessons exciting for the children and for their encouragement to help the children do their best at school.

It has been pleasing to see all the different activities the school has put in place to engage with parents this term. The art exhibition, the book fair, book look, Year 1 phonics sessions, Reading and phonics workshop, Year 2 workshop, Year 4 x tables workshop, Year 6 Sats evening and science poster viewing have all been delivered by staff for parents to develop the important partnership.

Parents have also been invited in to share the learning with their children in some year groups which has been pleasing to hear about such as the Year 5 reading workshop.



New Parent Governor



After the election process you all took part in, we are pleased to welcome Farida Jeewa to the Launde Governing Body.

Farida is a mother of 2 boys, her eldest in Foundation class. She has worked for the NHS and most recently is a teacher. She has attended her first meeting this term and we are sure that her personal experiences and passion for teaching will support the governing body in our role.

Mental Health Training

In our last Governing Body meeting, Mrs Meer told us about the mental health training she has been working on, which is almost complete. She had to put together a strategic action plan for the school to roll out initiatives to further improve mental health support to both children and staff. At classroom level the school has implemented worry boxes/monsters and emotions boards which are completed at the beginning of the day. She told us about the school mental

health team, first aiders and 1-1 sessions. We think this is an excellent initiative which will help all the children and staff at Launde.

Health and Safety audit

Congratulations to Mr Wragg, our Premises Officer, for helping the school successfully passing the local authority 3 yearly Health and Safety review. Mr Wragg spent 3 whole days with the auditors for this extensive audit, the hard work paid off! The auditors only had minor recommendations for improvements, which we are sure Mr Wragg will implement as soon as possible.

School attendance and being on time



Recently the school has implemented a closed gate policy, the gates are shut at 8.50 which is currently the start of the school day. After taking a few days to settle in, it has dramatically improved lateness, with less than 50 children arriving late during any one week (none at all after 9.30am). This is a really positive outcome, as the teachers have seen a real difference this had made to children's learning. We thank all the parents for contributing to this, please continue to observe all the school policies, it really helps the

children's learning and outcomes.

Governor visits

Our main focus for Governor visits this term has been on EYFS, English and Science across the whole school. Our Wellbeing Governor has also visited the school paying particular attention to the Mental Health and Wellbeing of children and staff.

Below is a brief snapshot of our visits:



EYFS – Mumtaz said: “The EYFS team are all very enthusiastic about teaching and helping children develop. They are constantly thinking of new ways to engage the children and are willing to listen to the children's ideas on what they should incorporate into the teaching. I loved that imaginative ways were used to hook students into learning”.

English – Sumeya said: “I really enjoyed my visit, speaking to the English lead about how Literacy is taught across Foundation, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. It was lovely to be able to visit a range of classrooms and see teaching taking place. All classrooms displayed literacy boards focusing on keywords and an achievement wall to show a celebration of children's work. The children were engaged and enjoyed the learning taking place. Overall a fantastic visit!”.



Science – Ahmed said: “I observed Science lessons and was guided by the Science Lead. My observation of the lessons was that they were engaging and that the children really enjoyed their hands-on practical experiments. There is a clear focus on developing Science vocabulary in lessons and students of all abilities are supported well. There were no disruptions in lessons observed. I was impressed with the ambition on Ms Pearson who continues to develop and improve the curriculum in this area”.

Mental Health and Wellbeing – Mumtaz said: “I liked the fact that there was a real focus on mental health in the school for both children and staff. There is a real sense of long-term plans and actions being put into place”.

Next term we are planning visits for Health and Safety, Sports and Safeguarding.

Governor preparations for a possible Ofsted visit

Some of the Governors attended an online workshop in preparation for an Ofsted visit. This was a successful workshop providing us an insight into preparing for an Ofsted visit.

In preparation for a possible visit we have creating an Ofsted pro forma with key questions that may be asked. This will be updated regularly to provide Governors with an in-depth knowledge of school data, progress, procedures and processes.







Happy Holidays!

Happy Easter, Vaisakhi and Eid to everyone celebrating in April and have a restful holiday.



From

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