

# Headteacher's Newsletter March 2019

## Introductions:

We are pleased to welcome new members of staff -

Mr Hawkins is teaching in Year 6 on a temporary basis supporting with our children achieving their potential in the SATs.

Mrs Carter is our new teaching assistant and midday meal supervisor.

Mr Prem is our lunchtime sports coach from K Sports.

Mr Griggs is a trainee from K Sports, supporting our children in the classroom to help him gain valuable knowledge and understanding for his future career.

We are also very grateful to everyone who has offered to support voluntarily in our school. As we establish our staff, systems and curriculum, we will be able to utilise this support effectively.

## Parent Voice

We have now had two parent forum meetings which have been fully attended and the minutes of which are parentmailed to everyone. I have found this process particularly useful and would like to thank the class representatives as well as all parents who have given feedback.

It is good to be able to pass on to all staff things that the parents see as going well, as well as understand any concerns so that we can address them.

As a reminder, if you have anything you would like mentioned, please either find the representative in the playground or you can pass on a message through the office in a letter or email marked with the class and parent forum.

I hope that through this our school will flourish.

## Science week

Once again we had a very successful science week. Walking around the school, the children were engaged and using the scientific vocabulary to explain their learning. It is lovely that there is

such a buzz around the school about science in these weeks.

## SATs

Currently, we are on track to improve our SATs result this year. We have assessed all the children in a mock SATs so that the children have a clear understanding of what the SATs entail and the week looks like. This has also given the Year 6 teachers a clearer understanding of the gaps in knowledge/understanding that we need to teach.

One thing we did find was that we need to build confidence and resilience in our pupils. Many of them didn't attempt questions for fear of getting it wrong. Therefore we have ensured that the learning going forward is increasingly child led and that they are having more discussion around how and why an answer is correct.

## Secondary schools

The secondary school allocations came out last Friday and hopefully everyone was pleased with the outcome.

If anyone has any questions, concerns or needs support with anything to do with this, please make an appointment to come and talk to us.

## Parents' evening

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening. I hope you found it informative and that it allowed you to see some of the amazing outcomes your children have been producing.

Our teachers have put a lot of time into ensuring that the lessons are engaging and relevant to our children and we have seen that reflected in their books.

## Staffing

I am proud that the staff we have are passionate about the children and their learning. Everyone has supported each other to ensure we continue the progression of the school as a whole.

Also I have been heartened that supply teachers who have taught at our school

are actively asking to come back. We are gaining a reputation for being a great school to work in.

## GB Athlete – Brandon Mingeli

Thank you for all your sponsorship support. It was a fantastic day and some children even got autographs from the athlete. It was great to show the children that hard work and dedication can open up opportunities but also for them to know they supported this athlete's career. We wish him all the luck in the future.

## Upcoming dates

World book day – 7<sup>th</sup> March

Comic relief – 15<sup>th</sup> March

Mother's Day present room – 29<sup>th</sup> March

Colour run – 5<sup>th</sup> April

Easter services – 23<sup>rd</sup> April

## Final thought



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