

# Headteacher Newsletter June 2019

## Welcome

Our recruitment has been going well and we are looking forward to welcoming 3 new members of staff.

Mrs McDermott is joining us next week as a Teaching Assistant.

Mr Byers is joining us at the end of the month as our new Site Manager.

Both will be bringing a wealth of experience and understanding in to our school and we are excited to welcome them to our team.

Mr Knell starts with us in September as our new Deputy Headteacher, he will be in school this term meeting parents and children.

This does mean that Miss Munns, our interim Deputy Headteacher, will be leaving us at the end of term, but we would like to thank her for all the hard-work and dedication she has put in to improving our school since November. We wish her good luck in her new Deputy Headteacher role.

Mrs Clancy has resigned for the end of the year. We are glad that she was able to return and finish the year with her class and we would like to wish her well in her future.

Finally we are pleased to announce that Mr Hawkins, currently long-term supply in Year 6, will be joining our team on a permanent basis from September.

## The Greatest Show

Year 5 delivered a wonderful evening of musical talent, dance, gymnastics, jokes and even roller skating. The whole evening was full of show stopping moments especially the opening and closing numbers from The Greatest Showman.

I would like to re-iterate my thanks to Miss Baker and Miss Harrington for all their hard work in making such an amazing performance.

## SATs

We are very proud of our Year 6 children who worked hard throughout SATs week. They came in early and enjoyed breakfast together then worked out to get their minds and bodies ready. Throughout the week Governors came in and moderated all aspects of the testing to ensure procedures were followed and so they also had first hand understanding of the expectations.

Special thanks to Mr Hawkins and Mrs Smith for their dedication to our Year 6 children, giving them the skills and resilience to achieve their potential.

Also thank you to all the other members of staff and governors who supported during SATs week.

## PTA

The sing-a-long film evening of The Greatest Showman was a huge success, with over 60 children in attendance. All children got a bag of refreshments and sat with their friends to watch the film. Children joined in with the songs and thoroughly enjoyed the whole event.

Next events – Father's day present room and Summer fair.

As always if you are able to offer your advice, support or time please don't hesitate to email them on [dittonjuniorspta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dittonjuniorspta@hotmail.co.uk)

## Bikeability

This year both our Year 5 and 6's have completed their Bikeability courses. They have learnt how to prepare themselves and their bikes for travelling, ride their bikes safely on the road and recognise typical hazards.

This will allow children more independence when going on their own adventures, whilst having the knowledge and skills to keep themselves and others safe.

## Swimming

Year 4 are coming to the end of their swimming sessions at Larkfield leisure centre. They have all worked hard on improving their skills and making progress towards the National expectation of 25m by the end of Year 6. We hope they continue this learning outside of school, as it is an invaluable skill to have.

## Wellbeing

Last Monday all staff were trained in supporting their own and our children's mental wellbeing. It was a very thought provoking day and has given everyone ideas, support and resources for ensuring good mental wellbeing, some of which will be slowly introduced over the coming months.

## Grammar school

38% of children who took the 11+ test have achieved a place in a grammar school. Congratulations!

## Things to come...

14<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day

17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 residential week

19<sup>th</sup> June – New Year 3 parents evening (6pm)

25<sup>th</sup> June – Parent forum meeting (Educational visits/residential)

## Thought of the month...

### A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your enduring love, give them confidence and grace, and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials. Bless their teachers with wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve, as they embark on the journey together! Amen!



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