



Winnersh Primary School Governing Body

Governing Body Newsletter Summer 2024

Role of Development Governor

My name is Katherine Keeler and I am the Development Governor. I attend all Resources meetings as well as Full Governing Body meetings. My duties as the Development Governor include sharing all appropriate training courses run by Wokingham LA to the different governors, getting feedback from governors following any training they have done and sharing this with the relevant governing committees and keeping up to date with any new information by attending the Development Governor forums.

Report from Resources Committee, Steve Jupp, Vice Chair of Resources Committee

This year has been a particularly busy one for the Resources Committee. We have reviewed requests for planned improvements to the playground space, looked at funding streams and options for replacing boilers and energy controls within the school and reviewed environmental health and safety and financial reports.

We are particularly looking forward to the improvements to the outside space that will be introduced from next September and is expected to allow the children a whole new learning and playing experience allowing choice and personal responsibility as well as fun and learning. It will be great to see these changes take place and the children develop.

Over the summer we are hopeful to start work on replacing the inefficient and old boilers for the school. These have been around for approximately 7 years and in the current climate high energy costs are proving to be a drain on the school's resources. The boiler replacement is being funded in its entirety by Wokingham Borough Council and the school hopes this will be done in time for winter allowing the school to make savings in energy costs.

The school received a very detailed health and safety report from Wokingham Borough Council in the Spring of 2024 and this has highlighted a number of areas of recommendation but encouragingly no areas of deficiency. We are encouraged by this report and the efforts made by the senior leadership team to continuously keep the school a safe environment for the children, staff and parents.

The school continues to operate within a financially challenging environment with energy, staffing and cost of living increases far outstripping increases to school funding. This is of significant concern to the senior leadership team and to the governor's and will underpin resource decisions into the future in order to ensure the school is able to continue to provide the best learning environment possible for our children.

The summer term at Winnersh Primary School has been another busy one! Vicky Bellman, Assistant Head

There have been trips to Ufton Court, Bucklebury Farm, Wellington Country Park and Hampton Court Palace; Year 5 slept in tents on the school field in preparation for their Year 6 residential; children have taken part in workshops including African drumming, mental health and wellbeing, rail safety and the Olympics, and ducklings were hatched from eggs. Parents have been welcomed to school to watch year group assemblies where the children have loved to show them the exciting learning and wonderful work they have been doing.

In class, children have developed their knowledge and skills in art and design technology; each year group has created some fantastic, unique pieces and cooked or baked delicious products. The culmination of our Health Week was Sports Day during which the children from Foundation Stage to Year 6 took part in both field and track events. Parents and carers, friends and family were invited to come to support the children and enjoy a picnic lunch on the school field. All of the children were enthusiastic participants in their races and made their teachers and adults from home very proud. There was also a house football and tug of war competition which was great fun. During all of these events, the children demonstrated the school values of getting involved, embracing challenge and showing respect.

On Thursday 4th July – the day of the General Election – the children got the opportunity to see democracy in action when they took part in a school-wide vote to decide which of four important options they would prefer: extra playtime, wearing home clothes on the last day of term, a movie in class during the last few days of term or to be given a biscuit to enjoy at playtime. The overwhelming winner was the movie!

As part of our planning for the new school year, children were given the opportunity to spend a morning in their new classrooms with their next teachers and TAs. Each class was given the challenge of creating a collaborative piece of art based around their class name. These will be displayed in the communal areas in September, ready to welcome the children back to school for the new academic year. Sadly, we also have to say goodbye to our current Year 6 pupils, who put on the most fantastic performance of 'I'm An Eleven Year Old... Get Me Out of Here!' for their families. They celebrated the end of their time at Winnersh Primary School with the leavers' party, where they enjoyed hot dogs, treats from the ice cream van and a disco. There was even a photo booth so they could take their memories home with them.

On Saturday 6th July, Winnersh Fest took place at school. Thanks must go to the Friends of the Trust, school staff, parents, pupils and all those who donated prizes and time to make this event possible. Even though the weather was not on our side, Winnersh Fest was well attended, and a great time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who braved the rain and wind to come and support the school.

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