

Braywood CE First School Governors' Report to Parents

Aspire Learn Achieve



From little acorns, mighty oak trees grow, watered and nurtured by God

Message from the Chair of Governors



"At Braywood our aspirations are for all children to become confident, secure and caring individuals who achieve personal success through a love of learning"

Dear Parents,

This has been another successful year. As you can see below our results are some of the best we have ever had and we are so proud of the children. We are obviously very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Farley and Mrs Ingram as class teachers and Mrs Wright from the After-School Club. We will greatly miss the warmth and kindness from Mrs Wright and her help to acquire all the food for 'Mums and Dads into School' at a competitive rate. The impact of both Mrs Ingram and Mrs Farley is unmeasurable, but we do wish them every success in their next ventures.

Braywood parents generously support all of our fundraising events throughout the year and the PTA do a fantastic job in organising them. Over the years they have raised funds for so many extras for our school of which we are very grateful. Our first Alumni Afternoon Tea was a great success this year with many past pupils attending.

Next year Mrs Farley will be our Chair of Governors which we are very much looking forward to and Mrs Claire Murray (our School Link Advisor) will be joining our Governing Body.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy summer holiday.

*Michael Wadley
Chair of Governors*

Our standards this year

The children have performed exceptionally well again this year and our standards are above national and most of the local borough schools. Everyone who sat the Year 1 phonics test passed with marks between 35-40 where the pass mark was 32. Our Year 2 pupils achieved very highly as well. 95% of children achieved expected or above expected standards compared with 74% of National. 66% achieved at greater depth compared with 21% National. This is a pattern emulated across the whole school with pupils leaving us with similar standards.

What are we trying to improve?

There are many priorities in our school development plan but these are the key features.

- To introduce Singapore Maths to the whole school through an additional Maths lesson incorporating the fundamentals of this teaching method.
- To introduce Spelling and Maths competencies to help provide personal challenge for the children.
- Alongside our governors review how we assess our foundation subjects such as History, Geography, Art and DT in light of the new curriculum.
- Help children to develop the resilience to tackle all of life's challenges through teaching Character Education and a positive mindset.

What have we achieved this year?

All classes have been on at least 3 trips except the Foundation class. We have had lots of visitors including:

PTA Events including Sponsored Fun Run
Summer Concert and Talent Show
Y4 PGL Residential Trip
Pantomime and Nativity
Easter Concert
Y2 Trip to the Lookout
Netball training & tournament
Open Day at Windsor Great Park
Dance Show for Year 1
Grandparents into School
Dads and Mums into School
YF at Braywick Nature Reserve
Lego Robots for Y3/4
Whole School Forest School Trips
Visit to Eton Natural History Museum
Sports Day and Family Picnic
Harvest Festival
Santa and Reindeer visit
Carols for Senior Citizens
Visit from an author
Y1 visit to Milestones
Y2 visit to Reading Museum
Y3 Trip to Kidzania
Y4 visit to Longridge
Y4 Residential visit
Y4 swimming sessions
Several PE tournaments
Y4 running the school day
Summer and Christmas parties
Y2 Skipping & Y3 Athletics Festival
Visiting local church
Y4 Tag Rugby Challenge
Y4 'Fiver' challenge with car wash
Buttercup the cow visits Foundation
Our first Alumni Afternoon Tea
Windsor Sport Partnership additional training
Berkshire Maestros working with Year 3 on recorder skills



Of all these activities the school has contributed to the breadth of our curriculum

What have been our successes?

This year our main achievement was to complete the vast majority of our curriculum review alongside an accessible assessment programme. This includes a yearly timetable that coordinates all school activities including PTA. We can now add Singapore Maths to our portfolio of teaching skills and the teachers comment upon how this is very well received by the children. Finally, we have overhauled our website, welcome pack, induction programme and prospectus. A lot of work!



Who are the Governors?

The Governors are a long serving group of people who are committed to the success of our school. There are a wide variety of skills on our Governing Body from a range of sources; some are local businesses, some parents, some representing our Christian bias and some are educationists. We are the school's 'critical friend'.

For more informative see our page on the website http://www.braywoodschoo.co.uk/web/our_governors__1/232576

How do our governors promote school improvement this year?

The Governors work in collaboration with the Headteacher and staff, creating a closely balanced partnership to ensure that the school is run effectively. Our aim is to ensure that we provide the very best education possible.

Our staff and governors are a strong team who meet or visit school regularly to refine our improvement plan; challenge staff and ensure that our learning environment is safe and non-discriminatory. Each governor together with an associated teacher leads in one or two subject areas. The Governing Body monitors school improvement priorities through meetings, lesson visits, work analysis, policies and procedures and the financial scrutiny.

How are we working with parents?

The school and our governors value the contribution of parents, whether it is the help you give your child with their learning, the support you give the school by attending events or helping your child attend trips or events and the support you offer out PTA.

This year our PTA under Corrina Jellyman leadership and her team have been fantastic and the money raised will go towards new Gymnastics equipment in the hall. We are still working towards the Outdoor Gym and the playground markings. We are very fortunate to have such committed parents.

The governors would like to wish everyone a lovely summer break and look forward to working with you all in the new academic year.



Chair of Governors
Mr Michael Wadley