



YORKE MEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2018

Letter from the Chairs of Governors

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

We hope you are all well and looking forward to the Easter break. Despite the recent snowy weather, courtesy of the “Beast from the East”, closely followed by the “Mini-Beast”, Spring is on its way and, with it, warmer, longer days, which we are sure you will all be looking forward to.

Governor Visits

We both recently visited the school as part of our termly Governor Visit days and, with five other Governors, were able to spend a whole morning visiting classrooms and seeing lessons in action. Our visit was focussed on observing Philosophy for Children classes in several years. We were all very impressed, seeing how the children formulated questions for discussion, and then watching the interaction between them as discussions developed. Children made excellent contributions to the debates, and we particularly admired how they listened so respectfully and attentively to each other. The behaviour in each of the classrooms visited was impeccable – the children are a credit to you all.

We were also able to watch a Forest School lesson, which went ahead despite the wet weather. It was such a joy to see. The children were so enthused about being outdoors, learning about their surroundings, taking ownership for looking after and keeping each other safe. The school has made a strong investment in outdoor learning and the benefits of this were clear to see – including the health and wellbeing of children just simply being out in the fresh air.

Overall, our Governor visit reminded us how lucky we are at Yorke Mead to have such excellent staff and facilities, and it is always a pleasure to meet the children, who are polite and welcoming.

From Charlotte

With my work hat on, Three Rivers District Council recently hosted an art exhibition at our community art gallery: Artistsmeet, based within the Watersmeet centre in Rickmansworth. The Young Masters Primary School Open Exhibition displayed a range of art work from local Primary Schools, based on the theme “my happy place”, aiming to raise awareness of positive mental health in very creative ways. I was so pleased to see the artwork from Yorke Mead School included – the standard is outstanding and all those involved should feel very proud of themselves. It was also a pleasure to be able to give out certificates to those children who took part.

Parent Governor Election

There is currently one vacancy for a parent governor and in May the term of office for another parent governor will end. With this in mind, at the beginning of the summer term there will be an election to fill these two vacancies. Interest has already been expressed in these positions, but if you would like to know more about what it means to be a school governor please don't hesitate to contact us.

Make your views known

In a recent school newsletter, Mrs Pollard mentioned “Parent View”, a section within the Ofsted website, where parents and carers can share their thoughts on the school their children attend. It would be really good if you could take a little time over the Easter holidays to submit your views of Yorke Mead - it is really important we try and capture how you feel about the school and the experience of life at Yorke Mead for your children: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> - thank you in advance for doing this.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Easter break, with our warmest regards,

Charlotte and Derek

(Yorke Mead Governing Body Co-Chairs)