

# Northgate Primary School

## *Newsletter*

### Governors News

Dear Northgate Community,

On behalf of the Governors I'd like to share my reflections on the last academic year. I think it's safe to say it has been another very busy year and one that has seen a great deal of change for the school. One of the biggest responsibilities that Governors have is the appointment of a Head Teacher. This year we said goodbye to Mrs Hotson and welcomed Mrs Tanner into the Headship role. It has been great to see the enthusiasm that Mrs Tanner has brought to the role and the changes that have been coming to fruition over the last 6 months. I hope you had the chance to engage with Mrs Tanner and share your views on how our school moves forward.

Mrs Tanner shared with you the yr 6 National Assessment results last week. Once again, our pupils have done themselves proud, with the combined score for reading, writing and maths at 86%, which is 25% above the National figure. This is a fantastic achievement. In addition, the performance throughout the entire school has been high, with outstanding progress being made in our yr 1 phonics assessment—90% pass rate, as well as good progress being made across each of the school's priority areas. I would like to take this opportunity to say well done to all the children across the school. I would also like to thank the teaching staff for helping and supporting the children throughout the year and of course to you, the parents and carers for your continued support at home which is immensely important.

Northgate is an exceptional school. What makes the school special is the environment, culture and enrichment that the children are provided with. Over this last year, the children have enjoyed a wide variety of experiences, from science week, musical concerts, inter-school sport competitions, healthy schools week and more recently, take over day! It has been great to see our creative curriculum continuing to thrive.

This year the school has championed further parental engagement, with parents and carers being given the opportunity to read / play maths games with their children — we hope you enjoyed and found these experiences beneficial, we know the children certainly did. This is in line with Mrs Tanner's vision for enhancing community engagement with the school. We hope you will continue to support these initiatives moving forward.

A vital part of the Governing role is ensuring the school is financially secure and stable. I am pleased to say that the school is in a healthy financial position and we are fortunate to still be able to commit funds to necessary improvements within the school. One key change coming in September will be the modifications to the school to create a dedicated space for our out of school provision. This is in line with the school providing wrap around care from September, an enhanced environment for Little Ladybirds, Early Birds & Night Owls. We are also very lucky to have an exceptional PTA team who have hosted a number of enjoyable and highly successful events, generating significant additional funding for the benefit of the school. I would like to say a huge thank you to all those on our PTA for all their hard work and would encourage anyone interested in getting involved to please get in touch with the school.

They say change is a constant... and it's certainly something that Northgate is now embracing. For this, I would like to thank Mrs Tanner, the Senior Leadership team and all the staff for their hard work in driving new ideas forward and for continuing to keep Northgate an exceptional school.

Finally, I would like to wish our current yr 6 pupils the very best for the future as they take their next step along life's learning journey. Enjoy the last week of term and have a great summer!

**Brian Neill [Chair of Governors]**