



Tylers Green First School

Governors Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

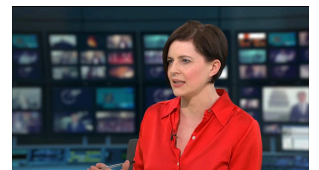
As the Summer term and school year is drawing to a close we'd like to share with you our updates and thank everyone who has contributed to another extremely busy year!

Farewell to Suzanne Doria and Kate Hazledene

We're saying farewell and thank you to two Governors this term; Suzanne Doria, who has been on the Governing Board since 2019 and was our Pupil Premium, SEN and Sports Premium Governor as well as Chairing the Curriculum and Standards Committee and Kate Hazledene who joined the Governing team in 2021 as our numeracy Governor. We thank you both for your hard work and dedication to the school and for providing thorough handovers to our new Governors.

Governor Updates

Amy Cunningham has recently completed a handover with Suzanne and will now be the SEN/PPE and Sports Premium Governor for TGFS.



Saj Khan is now our Safeguarding Governor and will Chair the Curriculum and Standards Committee.

Matthew Swansbury will take the lead on Numeracy.



As a reminder, our Parent Governor is Kathryn Beevers. Kathryn is the main point of contact for parents who would like to discuss anything with the Governing team. Kathryn's email address is; KBeevers@tgfs.org.uk

Recruitment

At our recent Full Governing Body meeting, we voted to recruit a Wellbeing Governor, who's focus will be on supporting a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing. We are hoping to introduce this Governor in our next Newsletter.

We are due to have a Governor role become vacant from September 2024. If you would like further information on this, please email: office@tgfs.org.uk

OFSTED Governor Training

Every year, the Full Governing Body (FGB) attends a training session and this year's focus was on OFSTED and how we as a Governing Board can support Mrs Talbot and team ahead of an inspection.

The training was incredibly beneficial and has prompted an audit of Governor documentation and skills to ensure we are inspection ready.

One key takeaway was the potential outcome. As per the last inspection, TGFS was rated 'Good', which triggers a one day 'section 8' inspection with the best possible result from this being we maintain our 'Good' rating. The hope would be that the school is deemed good enough to trigger a further inspection to determine if the school is outstanding. This further inspection could be anytime within 12 - 18 months after the initial inspection.

Subject Lead Presentations

Following a presentation to the Curriculum Committee where the English team (Miss Anderson, Miss Ryall and Mrs Croucher) presented, at our recent FGB meeting in June, we were joined by Ms Gregory and Mrs Hamilton, who talked us through how humanities is being taught within the school and also Mrs Mustoe and Mrs Busler who presented the STEM action plan for 2023/24. Both presentations were incredibly insightful, we have included a selection of slides from each presentation below;

STEM

Long Term Plan



FOR OUR ENGLISH RESULTS TO BE ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR WRITING AND READING.



FOR OUR PUPILS TO FEEL MOTIVATED TO LEARN LITERACY THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL.



FOR ALL OF OUR STAFF TO FEEL CONFIDENT WITH THEIR ROLE IN LITERACY TEACHING WITHIN THE SCHOOL.

Priorities




TO ASSESS DATA TRENDS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL IN PARTICULAR FOR WRITING AND TO ACT UPON THESE



TO CONSIDER HOW TO IMPROVE READING THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL.

Targets/actions

- ▶ Gauge pupils' engagement/enjoyment of individual topics – top 5 topics of the year
- ▶ Learning walks across the school to monitor coverage of humanities subjects, including pupil voice/KWL grids/Reception class planning grids
- ▶ Humanities team to investigate enrichment opportunities across the school including external and internal visits and workshops



K	W	L
What I know	What I want to know	What I have learnt
		To understand who Jane Colden is and what she did.
		To understand who Mary Anning is and what she did.
		To understand who Jane Goodall is and what she did.
		To understand who Steven Hawking is and what he did.
		To understand who Amelia Earhart is and what she did.

Significant Scientists



Enrichment

Arts Week

- ▶ Every child has taken part
- ▶ Teachers were asked to plan three creative afternoons using the resources and themes provided by Sky Arts Week.
- ▶ The themes were digital arts and mark making e.g. stop motion animation, creative dance and music.
- ▶ Teachers were also able to adapt the resources to meet the curriculum needs in class e.g. animal patterns/tessellation in Year 1 to support their visit to the wildlife park.
- ▶ Reception adapted the resources to match the EYFS curriculum as the resources were KS1 and above
- ▶ Reception children are also entering a competition run by Young Artists as part of Arts Week.

School in the community



Penn 7 and Fun Run

TGFS once again contributed to the mini marathon medals at this year's Penn 7 and Fun Run. It was wonderful to see so many children from the school attend the event. We have some fantastic athletes at the school - hoping the Mini Marathon practice came in handy at Sports Day!

Summer Fayre!

A huge thank you to the PTA team for working so hard to make the Summer Fayre such a success, despite the Winter weather. A special thank you to Ms Gregory for braving the wind and rain to help the team put up a gazebo for the BBQ and to all the Children, Parents and Teaching Staff for decorating their class stalls.

Congratulations to Willow Class who won the best decorated stall!

Well done to all of the Children who sang the school song and 'Happy, Happy, Happy' so beautifully.



Governor Visits		
<p>Suzanne Doria, the outgoing SEN, Sports Premium and Pupil Premium Governor, and Amy Cunningham who is taking over from her, visited the school on 3rd July.</p> <p>The focus of this visit was to do a formal handover and to review SEN, Sports Premium and Pupil Premium provision. This included the method by which progress will be assessed and measured for all SEN children, how resources are utilised in delivering quality education for all SEN children, an update on Pupil Premium cohort and processes and an update on effectiveness and impact of PE and Sports premium provision.</p>	<p>Kathryn Beevers, Mrs Talbot, Mrs Rutter and Mr Webb conducted a Health and Safety school audit. This ensures that the school is meeting its Health and Safety requirements and checks on any improvements - ranging from fencing, walls, canopies, drainage, heating pipes, vegetation growth/issues within the school.</p>	<p>Kathryn Beevers the outgoing Safeguarding governor and Saj Khan the new Safeguarding governor conducted a visit on 6th June.</p> <p>The purpose of the visit was to review how safeguarding is managed within the school. Saj Khan also conducted a safeguarding walk on 21st June where she had the opportunity to speak to the school council and hear how happy and safe they feel at school.</p>

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break,



Mark Patterson, Chair