



Tylers Green First School

Governors Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We can hardly believe Easter is nearly upon us. It's been a very busy term at TGFS and we wanted to share with you the recent developments and Governor updates.

Governing Body Updates

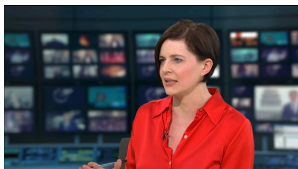
Farewell to Haydn Darch

A huge thank you and farewell to one of our longest standing Governors - Haydn. Haydn was first elected on to the Governing body in 2016 and has been with TGFS on and off ever since. Haydn has been a huge asset for our school with his links to the local authority he has been fundamental in securing funding over the years. We thank you for your support and dedication Haydn and wish you all the very best.

Governor Updates

We would like to welcome three new members to the Governing team;

Amy Cunningham - Co-opted Governor



Amy moved to Tylers Green in 2017 with her husband, Sam. They have two children; one who attends TGFS and a daughter who is 3. Amy is originally from Somerset but has spent her adult life moving around the country for her job. She has been a television reporter for more than 20 years and is currently a News Reporter for ITV national news. Previously she has worked for Sky and the BBC and

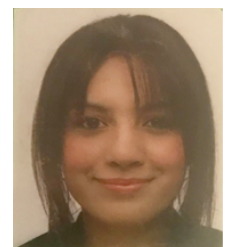
has interviewed everyone from Prime Ministers, to Olympians and Oscar winners. She works under her maiden name, Amy Lewis

Saj Khan - Local Authority Governor

Saj Khan is a mum of two and her eldest child joined Tyler's Green First School in September 2023.

Saj is a qualified Social Worker and has worked in Children's Services for 13 years, with a wealth of experience in Child Protection. She is currently employed as a Child Protection Advisor at Buckinghamshire Council, whilst also sitting as a

Non-Independent Member of the Buckinghamshire Fostering Panel and working as a Practice Educator for Social Work students. Saj is excited to join the Governing Body and to support the school community to achieve its goals for the school's pupils.





Matthew Swansbury - Co-opted Governor

Matthew's background is in chartered accounting, he works for a local company as a Audit Director.

Matthew lives in Tylers Green with his young family and has a daughter in Year 1.



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

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

School Updates

Pupil Attendance - THANK YOU!

We wanted to provide an update on pupil attendance after the letter from Mrs Talbot last term. We are pleased to report that we are now in the top 10% of schools for attendance in the country. Thank you to you all.

School Improvements

We have had a number of areas updated recently, with a new front door in place and a library door replaced. Car park lighting was put in and fire doors are now throughout the school. We have also had air conditioning and heating replaced in the KS1 area of the school. With Reception being updating in the next few months. During the Easter break the front railings will also be updated - a thank you to Haydn Darch for suggesting we approach Bucks County Council for funding this.



Equipment

We have recently taken delivery of 32 new tablets which will be used by all children in Year 1 and Year 2. Thank you to the PTA for funding these. We have also replaced our old audio and visual equipment in the school hall. Those who attended the communication workshop would have seen the new screen in action!

Communication workshop

Mrs Hamilton led an fascinating workshop for Year 1 and reception parents in communication week. For those unable to attend the slides are on the school website. Please do let the school office know if you have any suggestions for future workshops.

Parking and pupil safety

A reminder that parking outside of the school is strictly forbidden. Yellow lines preventing anyone parking outside the school between the hours of 8am - 5pm, Monday to Friday are due to be painted in the next few months. Similar restrictions are coming in at TGMS.

As a reminder a map of safe places to park is available on our website or please ask the school for a copy of this if you're unsure.

World Book Day and Travelling Book Fayre

The school welcomed some fantastic characters on World Book Day. Miss Trunchball even made an appearance during lunchtime. A thank you to the teaching staff for joining in the fun and to those who brought in a £1 for the PTA book swap, which raised over £100.

The travelling book fayre was back with us this term and again, well attended. Thank you to those who came along and bought a book or two. Last term we raised over £300 which has been invested in our non fiction area of the library.



Governor Visits		
<p>Suzanne Doria, SEN, Sports Premium and Pupil Premium Governor, visited the school on 31st January. The focus of this visit was to spend time at a Forest School session, but a short meeting was held with Mrs Gregory to update on SEN provisions. The biggest observation was how much fun the children were having whilst also learning great lessons about nature, risk, health and safety, creativity and problem solving.</p>	<p>Kate Hazeldine, maths governor, visited the school on 20th Nov 2023 to look at how maths is taught, and lessons are planned within the school. Foundation Stage children are using the new curriculum and ongoing assessments are recorded on target tracker with evidence being in many forms e.g. photos, observations and less work in books. All children in KS1 are following the New White Rose 3.0 Scheme for Numeracy. The children are assessed at the end of each topic and do NFER tests at the end of each term, along with teacher assessment. Teachers use target tracker to record children's attainment. Year 1 use a mixture of practical work and White Rose workbook. Year 2 use White Rose workbooks supported with Green challenge books for any extra challenging greater depth questions to extend children's learning if needed. Evidence of maths progression throughout the school was seen. Lessons are carefully planned, and children are not introduced to pictorial methods or activities until they are secure using concrete resources and manipulatives. In the planning there is evidence of different approaches taking account of pupils' interests, showing a wide range of activities both practical and in workbooks. Objectives are clear and there was evidence of resources used including Technology.</p>	<p>Our Chair, Mark Patterson and Mrs Talbot 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>

Wishing you all a Happy Easter,



Mark Patterson, Chair