



Tylers Green First School

Governors Newsletter

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Dear Parents

We hope you are all keeping safe and looking forward to the well-deserved vacation. It has been a busy start to the year and our first term has flown-by. We wanted to give you a quick update on some of the exciting developments at the school and share our appreciation.

Pupil safety



Our new traffic cones and parking signage outside the school is having a very positive impact on reducing parking and congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times. Parent governors, Suzanne Doria and Kathryn Beevers, on behalf of the joint travel working party organised the mufti day to raise money for the cones and signage. The governors welcomed the opportunity to work directly with the PTA on the implementation of this initiative. We have seen many more children walking or cycling to school in direct support of the 'wow' (walk once a week) campaign, in which the children can earn badges for walking or cycling to school.

Thank you to the parents who help to put them away each day. If anyone else would like to volunteer to help, please let us know.

Play equipment grand opening

The new play equipment is now installed and being enjoyed by the children, thanks to funds raised by the PTA. The local community came together to clear the unwanted soil to make the installation possible - a great example of the village supporting its school. Thank you to everyone who helped.

The grand opening took place at lunchtime on 17 March, attended by our two previous PTA co-chairs who worked so hard to raise the funds.



A Berry different school day



We were pleased to welcome Mary Berry to the school in February this year. Although Mary moved from Penn village to Henley-on-Thames, a couple of years ago, she still remains interested in local news and Tylers Green First School. The children enjoyed meeting her and hearing how to make pancakes.

Thank you's!

New books

Thank you to the Penn and Tylers Green Residents Society for providing funds for new school books.

PTA fundraising

The PTA continues to support the school with fundraising activities, most recently the new play equipment. We want to acknowledge their ongoing commitment to the school and its development.

The sound of the Jubilee



Tylers Green First School is aiming to launch its very own school song to coincide with the Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

Rachel Duxbury, a local musician, has volunteered to create the song and work is soon to commence with the school council and eco council to develop the lyrics. All school pupils will be involved in singing the song and bringing it to life.

Queen's Green Canopy

In early March, Haydn Darch, one of our Governors, came to school and planted our 'Queen's Green Canopy' tree. Our teachers specifically requested Haydn to do the honours as he does so much for our school and his children came here, followed now by his grandson. We held a little ceremony where we shared an old newspaper article from around 1976 (we're not sure of the exact date!) with the children when the old tree was cut down and the Sweet Chestnut tree was planted next to the stump for the next generation of children – this the tree that features on our uniform. The children all promised to



come back in 50 years' time to look at the Queen's Canopy Tree. We said "Hip Hip Hooray" to the Queen for her Jubilee and sent the new tree good wishes for the future.

Governing Body updates

We have reorganized our committees over the past couple of years to improve the speed and efficiency of decision-making.

Curriculum and Standards Committee

Ian Peart (Co-opted Governor) was elected as Chair of the Committee at the end of 2021, taking over from Paul Rutter whose term of office had ended. Some of the key activities the Committee with which the Committee is involved includes:

- Engaging with parents, carers and other stakeholders to support improvements in pupil's outcomes, behaviour, safety, and development. Supporting Jude with the Bug Club implementation and catch-up provision are recent examples.

Resources Committee

Mark Patterson (Co-opted Governor) was elected Chair of the Committee in 2021, taking over from joint chairs Richard Dawtrey and Toby Dysterre-Clark whose terms will be ending later this year. Some of the key activities the Committee with which the Committee is involved includes:

- Setting the school budget which plans for strategic investment in our school building, facilities and renovations while securing the continued financial stability for the future of the school. Redecoration of inside of the school and resurfacing of the outside areas are recent examples.

School visits

Governors conduct school visits on a regular basis to determine if there are areas for the Governing Body to consider or support.

Our numeracy Governor, Kate Hazeldine completed a school visit in February and concluded that very creative and practical learning was taking place to help children in all year groups progress their abilities in mathematics. The teachers were very interactive and used a full range of tools to keep the pupils engaged.

Haydn Darch, our Foundation Stage Governor, conducted a visit amongst the Early Years group and concluded the children were engaged and well behaved. When asked questions, they responded eagerly, with confidence and expressed themselves well, demonstrating they had settled into the school and were progressing.

Getting involved in the local community

We are currently building a calendar of local events that are taking place in 2022 with which the staff, pupils and PTA of Tylers Green First School would like to be involved. Our school strives to be at the heart of the community so whether it is supporting the events with stalls, opening our doors for heritage days, attending the village Expo or getting involved with the Platinum Jubilee, we plan to be involved. If you are aware of events happening in 2022 and think the school can be involved or if you would like to lend a hand, please e-mail: bpitron@tgfs.org.uk.

If you are interested in finding out more about the governors or anything in the newsletter, please feel free to contact us by email office@tgfs.org.uk.

Enjoy the Easter break!

Caroline (Chair)

