



**Brunswick House School
Governors' Newsletter
December 2018**

We are pleased to tell you that a new Governor has recently been appointed to the Governing Body. She is Gabriela Alexandru, a paralegal working locally, and whose background in law and safeguarding adds considerable expertise to our team. Gabriela first came to meet us in September, to learn about the school and its governance, and was confirmed as a governor at our November meeting. We were delighted that she was able to attend one of the Christmas performances last week, and is already building her understanding of school life. She will be joining the Governors' Finance and Resources Committee.

We still have vacancies for two further governors, and would like to recruit interested individuals without a close connection to the school already, in order to ensure that we have a balanced team. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a governor, please ask them to contact us at this email address:

chairofgovernors@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk

The first two terms are always a particularly busy time at the school, as children move into their new classes, and the EYFS children adapt to being at school for the first time. We know the staff do a great job in helping them all find their feet, and settle in happily. We have been impressed too at the high energy levels that have been maintained (by staff and pupils) right to the end of this term, which were evident in the dynamic Christmas performances at each key stage last week, as well as at the performances of A Christmas Carol by Musical Theatre and Music Ensemble. It is wonderful to see the children showcasing their talents, both on stage and behind the scenes and exuding such enthusiasm. Well done to everyone involved.

A number of governors were able to join the staff for a training event in November. The subject for the day was "Inspirational Teaching" and the day itself was inspirational. The staff were buzzing with ideas by the end of the day, and will be incorporating them into their teaching over the coming months to ensure that the children of Brunswick House have the most enjoyable and effective lessons possible, throughout the school. The school's leaders, teachers and support staff never stand still: they are always looking for ways to develop the learning and experiences of the pupils.

One other highlight that must not go unmentioned is the Rights Respecting Schools Award at silver level, that was achieved this term. Happily our Full Governing Body meeting fell on the day that the school had been assessed as meeting the criteria (and indeed being close to meeting the criteria for the next level), and Nathan and Emily (The Head Boy and Head Girl) talked to us about the RRS award whilst the excitement of that day's assessment was still

very much in their minds. To hear them explain the values of the school with such passion and clarity was a joy. The award is a highly prestigious one, and we are very proud that Brunswick House staff and pupils are committed to embedding the RRS values throughout school life. We know they are already setting themselves on the path to the RRS Gold award.

Finally, the Governors wish all the parents, pupils and staff a very happy Christmas and all the very best for 2019.

