



Brunswick House School
Governors' Newsletter
April 2019

We take this opportunity to update you on the work of the Governors since Christmas.

As Governors we try always to have a good overview of the learning and progress being made in the school, but we also each take responsibility for monitoring particular areas that are priorities on the school development plan. We have shared the reports from our monitoring visits at our meetings, and have had very interesting conversations with staff to enable us to understand the different strategies they have in place for helping the school progress in lots of different areas. Some of the monitoring enables us to get into classrooms and see the children in action; other bits are less exciting, such as checking that the website meets all the legal requirements, (it does!) but in all of it, we see the commitment of the school leaders, teachers and support staff working together to make the school a great place for your children to come to every day.

One of the loveliest – but perhaps most challenging – tasks a governor undertook this term was judging the World Book Day competition. Our Vice-Chair of Governors, Ms Hogan, took on the role of co-judging, and was thrilled at the number, range and outstanding quality of the entries. She thoroughly enjoyed examining the tiny worlds created in the jars, but we suspect that deciding on winners in each Key Stage was difficult, when there were so many exceptional entries. They really have made a wonderful display in the entrance hall.

Some of us were able to get along to the production of *Annie* last week, which was another treat, showcasing the tremendous dramatic and musical talent, as well as the hard work, of the many children involved.

We also continue to undertake training to ensure that we are up to date in our understanding of our role as governors, as well as attend events, such as the Parent Forum meetings, that enable us to get the fullest insight into the school.

One of our specific Governor priorities this year has been to develop our communications with the school stakeholders, including the children. So this week, two of us went into the school assemblies and talked with all the children about our role. The Head Boy and Girl helped us, especially in the Key Stage 2 assembly, and we really enjoyed meeting the whole school. It was just lovely to see how hard the children all listened and how much they had taken in and remembered.

Though we have had some success in governor recruitment this year, we do still have a vacancy and would like to recruit an interested individual 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

Finally, the Governors wish all the parents, pupils and staff a very happy Easter break.