



Autumn Term,
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ST MICHAEL AT BOWES CE JUNIOR SCHOOL



GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

Governors Visit SMAB!



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

On the 4th November the Governors of St. Michael at Bowes spent the best part of the day in the school. We met with the Headteacher Mrs Jay and her Deputy. Mrs Butcher, after attending School assembly, when Mrs Jay introduced the governors individually. The main focus of the day was to look at marking of children's work; Home Learning; Reading and writing and the curriculum in general. This meant looking at the work done by the pupils and plans for future teaching and learning.

I hope you will find this useful and informative and we would welcome any feedback you may wish to offer.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Jakobson
(Chair of Governors)



The recent governors day gave me a deeper understanding of the plans the school are putting into place, and seeing the evidence that the school is working positively towards achieving its aims this year. As a parent governor I was particularly focussed on the blend between home and school life, which will be a continued area of interest for all governors as we move through the rest of the term. As a team we considered where we believe the school excels at and where adjustments could be made to ensure our children continue to get an excellent education. I'm looking forward to the next governors day and of course our regularly meetings once a month.

Jack Briggs (Parent Governor)

As always, we had a lovely welcome from both staff and children. We were greeted at reception with the amazing sight of an Egyptian scene complete with a Pyramid, sarcophagus and mummified body. We also saw many fabulous pieces of home learning as we were walking around the school.



During the day we took time to evaluate our performance as governors in relation to the expectations and requirements that Ofsted analyse before and during an inspection of the school. We found this to be a very interesting and informative exercise which has given us confidence that the school is currently in a positive place.

We also took the time to evaluate home learning tasks and look forward to hearing an update at the next governor day in May .

Kate Macdonald-Boyle (Vice-Chair)



We started our Governors day on the 4th November with a special assembly to introduce the Governors. 11 Governors were present and Mrs Jay asked the children if they knew what the governors did and who they were. The children showed good knowledge of the role of the governing body.

Children were given a chance to ask questions of the governors. Mr Charalambos was asked why he has become a governor? He replied that he had enjoyed his time as a pupil at SMAB and wanted to give something back. Mrs Jakobson was asked how much governors get Paid!



Nikki Evans

(Foundation governor)