

Governors Newsletter 2024 – Summer

Dear Parents, carers and pupils

We thought it would be useful to write to everyone as this first academic year as The Peak Federation draws to a close. We have now been working together formally since the 1st January 2024.

Benefits of Federation

We have already begun so see some very positive benefits of our federation through economies of scale for purchasing goods and services and for joint working for our administrative teams. The teachers are now beginning to share the workload for curriculum development and planning and we have been able to undertake some joint planning.

Up and coming projects / work plans

In the coming year, the Governing Body has committed to reviewing and updating our Webpages. We have secured the services of specialists to help us set up the new format, to ensure that our statutory information may be easily accessed by parents and be fully compliant with the Government's guidelines. We hope that the new format will be easier to update and take less of our administrative time. Within this design, we will continue to have separate sections for each of our schools but there will be a new, shared policy and governance area.

Both schools have worked together this year through the ENTHUSE Science Bursary Project and whilst this project has now finished, we will continue to develop our science teaching and learning expertise. We were very pleased to have been recognised by the Primary Science Quality Mark for both schools. This was a very rigorous process and the feedback was very positive. Moving forwards, Holly Moore will now become the Science Lead for the Federation, supported by the other staff.

We have also been working very hard to continue to develop our sports offer and are delighted that we have again been recognised for this through the Sports Games Mark awards.

The pupils and staff have worked incredibly hard this year and despite the recent changes in staffing and in governance, we are delighted with our End of Year Key Stage 2 results. For GDPR reasons, we are unable to publish the results due to the small cohorts involved. This is to protect the pupils concerned. However, the governors have reviewed all of the results in detail and would like to thank the pupils, staff and parents for all their hard work and excellent achievements.

We continue to be proud Local Authority Schools, working with advice and guidance of the local authority and its advisors.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and pupils for their continued support during this transitional year. We wish our departing parents and pupils the very best for the future and look forward to welcoming back our returning and arriving families.

If you have any questions or queries, please direct them to the Clerk to Governors. You can reach them at beccy@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk and info@bamford.derbyshire.gov.uk. They will ensure your query is passed to the relevant person for a response.

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