

The Governors' Blog July 2022

The school is very busy at the moment, as the end of year approaches. Transition arrangements for all pupils has commenced so that they can get to know their new surroundings as well as their new teacher in advance of the September start. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our current year 6 pupils every success at their new schools and believe the values, ethos and culture at Whittlefield Primary will stand them in good stead at the next stage of their school life. Don't forget Year 6 to continue to Dream, Believe and Achieve at your new school.

Our children will be taking part in an Enterprise Day in the near future, (details are in the School Newsletter), can I ask for your support with this as it is intended that proceeds will go towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the school. Our School Council (with representatives from each year) came up with the approach to raise funds so please help to support them. I would also like to thank those who have already donated through our Whittlefield Facebook page earlier this year.

You may be aware from local press reports and the Newsletter, that Whittlefield Primary and Nursery School was nominated for an East Lancashire Education Award. Sponsorship of the awards is by Nelson and Colne College, Accrington and Rossendale College and Burnley College. Whittlefield was nominated in the category " Primary School of the Year" and was one of 3 primary schools shortlisted for the Award. This category is to recognise a school for their positive contribution to the community, raising pupil achievement and/or collaborative work with other schools to raise standards and inspire learning. Whilst we were not selected as the winning primary school, we are pleased to receive the recognition for the work the school has undertaken and the efforts and achievements of staff and pupils.

Our last Governing Board meeting of the Academic Year will take place on the 14th of July with a packed business agenda. Key items will be to review new and revised policies from the Local Education Authority, receive information and updates around Education White and Green papers and our Deputy Chair of Governors Jo McCue has also agreed to deliver a presentation on Safeguarding to supplement the latest guidance issued to Governors recently.

We are also seeking to add to the knowledge and skills set that we have on the Board and are particularly interested to hear from individuals who are engineering/science/or education specialists as well as those who are financially qualified or who have significant demonstrable financial experience. If you wish to be considered, please drop a short CV or resume at Reception or alternatively email the school with your details. Thank you.

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Chair of Governors