



# Governor Newsletter

## July 2017



During Term 6 the governors ask all of the children in Year 6 to complete a survey reflecting on their time at The Blake School.

The feedback from the survey is really useful to governors; the detailed results have been fed back to the Year 6 children.

When asked for their favourite memories of their time at The Blake School the residential trips in Year 4 and 6 were clear winners! School performances, sports events, trips and good friends also featured very highly on the children's list of favourite things.

The vast majority of children said that they feel The Blake School is a safe place to be. They also told us that there is someone at The Blake School to whom they can go for help if they are worried or have a problem.

Almost all of the Year 6 children think that the children at The Blake School are mostly trying to behave according to the school values.

The vast majority of children feel that The Blake School has helped prepare them for their new school, it was lovely to read how they feel being at The Blake school has taught them courage, perseverance and how to work as a team as well as giving them increased self-confidence

The children also gave us some good ideas of things that they feel would make The Blake School even better. The governors will be looking at these in the next academic year, although a swimming pool in the grounds may not be achievable!

At their last meeting, the governors bade farewell to Gill Pagliuca.

Gill has been a foundation governor for seven years during which time she has also been Vice-Chair, committee chair, had responsibilities relating to health and safety and been the link governor for maths and science!

Sadly, a change to Gill's work commitments mean that she no longer has the time to give to being a governor. Her contribution to the work of the governors has been significant and she will be missed.

In the autumn, the governors will introduce you to the new foundation governor who will be appointed in Gill's place. The appointment will be made on the recommendation of the PCC at St Mary's Cogges and following a formal appointment process by the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust.

The governors will be reviewing their roles and structure for the new academic year in order to fill the gaps left by Gill!

It has been a busy year for the governors – we hope that our newsletter has helped to keep you up to date with all that we have been doing.

The governors would like to thank all of the staff team at The Blake School who work so tirelessly to make the school the special place that it is. The governors wish staff a well-deserved break and look forward to working with them next year.

During May the clerk to the governors spent time in school, talking to groups of children about what it is like to be a pupil at The Blake School.

85 children, with representatives from every class in the school, chatted, drew pictures and wrote to give governors a really good picture of life at The Blake School.

The children said "The teachers at The Blake School...

"give me courage" "are brilliant"

"make learning fun" "care for us"

"all smile at you when you walk by"

"help sort out your problems"

The children described The Blake School as...

"epic" "exciting"

"encouraging" "good" "fun"

"cool" "amazing" "awesome"

"great" "safe" "fun" "friendly"

"brilliant" "enjoyable"

The Governors would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your children a relaxing and safe summer holiday.

It was clear to the governors that the children at The Blake School are always busy and love the wide range of experiences and rich curriculum to which they have access.

"Fun school trips"

"You can go to games club – we do sharing"

"It's great to learn stuff every day"

"Teachers give us the right challenge"

"Forest school is awesome...and muddy"

"I love guided reading"

"I like playing outside in all weather"

"The slackline is awesome"

"Lunch is delicious"

"The school is full of smiles and friends"

"PE is fun because we get to do new things"

"Awesome after-school clubs"

"It's really fun on the trim trail"

"It's a safe place"

"Everyone shows the values"

"It is a lovely place to be"

You can read more about what the children said by looking at the presentation, which you can find [here](#) on the school website.

You can find out more about the work of the Governing Board and who the Governors are by looking at the [School website](#) and reading our termly summary of business.

If you wish to contact the governors you can do so via their email address [governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk) or you can speak to parent and staff governors who are often in and around the school at the beginning and end of the school day.

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