

Moulton Primary School Governors' Update – July 2016

As most of you will be aware the school has been visited by OFSTED this week, something we've been waiting for now for a number of months. The visit looks at all aspects of the school's performance and focused on the items that were highlighted as in need of improvement at the previous inspection, in January 2014. I would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff who have put so much effort in to the last couple of days, particularly as it has come right at the end of a long year. I would also like to thank all of the parents who took the time to provide feedback to the inspectors, either in person, online or via a letter; again, it is very much appreciated.

The formal classification of the school is still confidential as it is subject to release of the formal report; once the report is uploaded to the Ofsted website we will let parents know as soon as possible. What we are able to say is that we are pleased with the outcome and feel that it has been arrived at following a fair and rigorous process. We look forward to being able to share with you more detail about the findings and the actions the school will look to implement as a result.

Anybody involved in education will be aware of the huge amount of change that schools have been subjected to over the past few years and the last 12 months have been no different, if anything the pace of change has only grown. Many will have just been getting used to the levels that children were working towards and the transition, this year, to "life without levels" has been challenging for everyone. I am delighted to be able to report that the SATs results were markedly above the National average figures and are a real credit to the teaching staff in Year 6, as well as the children. The lack of equivalent data from previous years makes comparisons difficult but this is something that we will be able to develop in future years.

The results we have had for children at the end of Key Stage 1, Year 1 phonics and EYFS are all consistently strong and show that all pupil groups are making good progress in our school. This is further credit to our hard working and dedicated staff, as well as the children themselves.

Of course the school isn't all about data and results and the past few weeks have seen a great demonstration of some of the many activities that the children are able to participate in. The Summer Concert may not have had the weather to match the name but the performances were fantastic from children across the school. The successes of the school's Strictly Come Dancing teams at the Derngate were superb and special thanks must go to Miss Jones and Mrs Swallow for their amazing work.

Add to these events the various sports days, Year 6's residential and their production of Alice in Wonderland and the brass performance by Year 4. There is much to celebrate in the school at present.

A number of members of staff are leaving the school at the end of the term, for a variety of reasons, and we are sure you will join us in wishing them all well. They will each be missed and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work at Moulton school; you have all left a positive mark at the school and we hope you will take away happy memories of your time with us. We also wish Miss Fowler and Miss Darby every happiness as they each get married, as well as hopefully a bit of sun.

September will no doubt see further changes as we welcome new members of staff, as well as seeing our new buildings taking shape. We will, of course, continue to keep you updated on progress.

I would like to finish by wishing each of you a very restful and enjoyable summer.

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