

As the school year draws to a close, we can reflect on how Floreat Wandsworth works hard to ensure it has many elements that make a successful school, where children and families can flourish and we would like to take this opportunity to update you on our governance work and to look forward to next year. Governors have continued to visit the school regularly as these first-hand experiences of the school help to bring governing body meetings to life. They introduce a reality that can otherwise be missing. The experiences can prompt questions to the headteacher and enable governors to be more effective in the role of critical friend. Visits allow governors to develop relationships with staff, pupils, parents and members of the local community, as well as the opportunity to monitor critical aspects of the school's work and hold Senior Leaders to account.



### **Moving to GLF Schools Trust**

The Local Advisory Committee (LAC) members have been involved in this process since the initial conversations with GLF. While members of the LAC are not there to represent any particular groups, it is worth noting that 4 members of our current LAC have children who currently attend Floreat Wandsworth. While ensuring that we remained strategic and objective, the LAC were able to meet with GLF and ask questions that included the impact on the transfer to our pupils, families, staff and the local community. This level of local governance involvement was a crucial part in ensuring that the right trust for Floreat Wandsworth was found. The LAC are excited about the opportunities that GLF will bring to Floreat Wandsworth and we look forward to updating you on these as we enter the new academic year. In September, the current LAC will transfer and be renamed as a School Strategy Board (SSB). Moving forward, the SSB will continue to have parent representatives, elected in the same way as parent governors were previously, and representatives from the local community, together with our Headteacher, Mr Custance, our School Business Leader, Mrs Hirji and representatives from the GLF Trust's central team.

### **Safeguarding and Health & Safety**

The safeguarding of everyone in the school community and all aspects of health & safety is something that is a continual priority. Further to the external audit of the school's health and safety policies and procedures carried out earlier in the year, an external audit of the school's safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures has just been carried out and policies and practices were found to be effective. Safeguarding has also been discussed in relation to providing additional curriculum opportunities as the children move up through the years and the school will continue to develop age appropriate learning opportunities for all pupils, with a strong focus on safeguarding and e-safety. As well as external audits, governors have carried out full internal audits and also reported on these aspects when carrying out any governor visits.

### **The Wider Curriculum**

Much work has taken place to raise the standards in the wider curriculum to match those of the core areas of Maths, English and Reading. This was a focus towards the end of last academic year and was also the key priority that Ofsted highlighted when they visited in June 2018. Much work has taken place this year, including training and opportunities to work with schools such as the West London Free School, which is part of the Knowledge Schools Trust (<https://www.primaryknowledgecurriculum.org/about-us>). Their Primary Knowledge Curriculum "is a carefully sequenced, knowledge-rich curriculum which aims to inspire pupils and promote excellent outcomes for all. The curriculum content has been carefully chosen by subject experts and is organised in a coherent way, ensuring children can build on their knowledge from year to year. In this way, the knowledge in the curriculum is cumulative, constructing firm foundations from which children can progress and develop deeper conceptual understanding and subject-specific skills over time." We do hope that you have seen the strong developments in this area when looking at your child's books and through talking to your children about what they have been learning at school.

### **Celebrating Results**

Our Year 1 pupils are celebrating a 100% pass rate in the Year One Phonics Screening this year, where all pupils reached or exceeded the required pass mark, and our pupils and staff must be congratulated for their efforts. This excellent result is testament to our strong teaching of phonics throughout the school, using the Sounds Write programme and to the work you as parents do to support your child with their daily reading practice.

Once again, the Year 2 children have also exceeded the national average for their combined SAT's scores in English, Reading and Mathematics. Outcomes for children in the Early Years and Year Three also demonstrate strong progress being made across the board.

### **Curriculum Vision for 2019 and beyond**

Mapping a curriculum vision to take us through to when we are a full school has been a strategic focus for this academic year and meetings have taken place to review pupil, parental and staff feedback and to ensure there is a strong strategy in place to help children flourish through to Year 6 and beyond. We thank you for your feedback at the curriculum based evenings the school has hosted and for sharing what is important to you in terms of the curriculum Floreat Wandsworth provides. The latest curriculum vision can be found on the school website. The staff team, working collaboratively with the GLF education team and other schools within the Trust, will continue to work on this provision mapping and will keep you abreast of their progress and plans next year and beyond.

### **Communication**

We are aware that there is more to do to improve communication between the school, parents and the wider community. The Senior Leadership Team have been gathering feedback from parents, staff and pupils about how to best distribute school events across the academic year. This is particularly important as the school grows and the team have already begun work on a strategic plan. Please do continue to feedback to the School on all matters directly or through the feedback box in the office, as this is instrumental to ensuring that a strong partnership between home and school continues. The governors always try to attend events and be available at those for any feedback, but it is important to remember that our primary role is strategic and that day to day operational matters should be directed to the school first.

### **We thank parents for their ongoing support**

We continue to be amazed by our parent and family community who do so much for the school through their engagement and by raising additional funds. From the regular cake sales, the Quiz night, the Parents' 'Florella' Summer Social, and more recently the Summer Fair, there really is something for everyone to enjoy and the level of support and engagement truly is something to be proud of. A special mention must also go to the team who completed the Isle of Wight challenge, and to one of our own Year 3 pupils, Iggy, who is completing his first triathlon shortly. These have been phenomenal fundraising efforts for FOFW. We thank the FOFW committee and everyone who helps with events and indeed attends them. The strong community feel is so evident in all areas of the school, where everyone is welcome and can flourish together.

### **Final Word from the Chair**

I would very much like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at Floreat Wandsworth for the hard work and commitment they have given to the children this year, constantly role-modelling the Floreat virtues that are so integral to our school. We bid farewell to some members of staff who are moving on, and we thank them all for their service and wish them well in their future teaching careers.

We will be joined by new children and some new staff in September, and all members of the Floreat community will continue to work together to ensure the very best opportunities for every child at the school.

I thank you for your continued support this year and I wish you all a very enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you, under the umbrella of GLF, next academic year; building upon and strengthening the provision at Floreat Wandsworth.



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