



Chair of Governors report 2014-5

It's been a great year to be a Governor, so many achievements, celebrations and reasons to be proud. We have met as a full Governing Body on six occasions this year, plus six additional Committee meetings which allowed us to focus in more depth on issues impacting directly on teaching and learning.

To help us satisfactorily analyse areas of school life, we have taken part in a number of learning walks during the school day. This is where we've been invited to observe, gather evidence and ask questions about what we've seen. During all these visits we observed immaculate behaviour from the pupils, and were highly impressed by the wide range of creative teaching activities going on. We always find a wonderful atmosphere of learning and fun whenever we turn up, it's a pleasure to spend time in school whilst it's in full swing.

Our main focus this academic year has been on the School Improvement Plan, which every school has. It ensures that the focus is always on how teaching and learning can be improved for our children. As a Governing body we have been confident in the leadership and management of the school and very satisfied overall with progress made this year. In addition Governors undertook a skills audit to ensure that we as a Governing Body have the necessary skills between us for effective governance; we were relieved to discover we are considered to be healthy.

Most Governors took part in training this year, and provided information to others who couldn't attend, some took part in the Headteacher's Performance Management process and others met with Governors from other schools who had recently received an OFSTED inspection.

In terms of the fabric of the school building, we have been able to approve some excellent improvements this year including external storage, fire doors for classrooms, classroom decoration, new interactive white boards and improvements to the outdoor play areas. In addition the ordering of more iPads and Macbooks has been approved to support the school's commitment to IT development, as well as an overhaul of the main IT infrastructure.

There have been many highlights this year, including the 50 year celebration and the great sporting achievements that have taken place, but the high point for me was during our last meeting of the year when we were presented with the year 6 SATs results AND an overall attendance percentage of 97.55%! We were delighted, and I'm sure you are too. It's an incredible feeling to see all that hard work pay off. On behalf of the Governors I'd like to thank all the staff for their ongoing energy and commitment to our children. I'd also like to thank all those fellow parents and carers who continue to support school life; through attendance at events, through helping with homework, and for ensuring pupils are in school every day on time. It's this teamwork that continues to make Brockwell Juniors the amazing school that it is.

Sally-Anne Beecham, Chair of Governors, July 2015