

GOVERNOR UPDATE

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HOBLETTS MANOR JUNIOR
SCHOOL



THE GOVERNING BOARD

Hello and welcome to the second edition of Hobletts Manor Junior School's '**Governor Update**'.

Since the last update, there has been much progress at Hobletts Manor Junior School. The most significant development is that the school has retained its 'Good' rating from Ofsted, with positive feedback from the inspectorate.

While an Ofsted visit can only ever provide a snapshot of the school at a particular time, as members of the governing board, we are able to see first-hand the immense amount of work that goes on at the school.

The installation of secure fencing around the school is a great example of the ongoing investment and a significant accomplishment that will help to keep children safe on site.

So, a huge congratulations to Sally and her dedicated team achieving such a great result – really, well deserved!

Now, on with the rest of the update.....

GOVERNING BOARD

Some new members of the Governing Board to introduce you to.

UPDATES

A brief overview from our recent meetings and current areas of focus

WHAT'S NEXT

A chance for us to give you a view of our plan for 2023/2024 and where we need your support

A BIG WELCOME TO NEW GOVERNORS

Two new Governors joining the team:

- **Frankie Fernandes-Lawrence.**
Frankie joins us as a Parent Governor and brings a huge range of valuable skills from her working life within the area of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
- **Alex Ojera.**
Alex is joining us as a Co-opted Governor. He is experienced within primary education, and currently working for a school in Harrow.

A very warm welcome to Frankie and Alex, who we look forward to working with us as we continue to challenge, support and drive Hobletts forward.



GOVERNOR VISITS

Each term we visit the school to review progress and discuss plans for each key area. Since the Spring Update the Governing Board have been extremely busy.

Date	Area	Focus
12 th Jan	Health & Safety	Review of Health & Safety in school, including policies and procedures
27 th Feb	PE and Sports Premium	Review of the impact of the Sports Premium Funding and actions to support this. There is evidence of continued good progress with regards to increasing numbers of children attaining the National Curriculum expectations in swimming. Great also to see the addition of newly installed Basketball equipment and hear the positive feedback these are having on playtimes.
28 th Feb	HIP Visit (external review)	Attended meeting, in an observer capacity, to review schools' adherence to and the effectiveness of key policies
1 st Mar	Finance Budget Process	End-to-end review of budget creation process and discussion of key areas of spend
7 th Mar	SEND	Review of the impact of Pupil Premium (PP) and SEND funding in ensuring at least good progress, leading to raised standards and a closing of the gap in achievement for children in receipt of PP and SEND funding.
7 th Mar	Well-Being	Visit focussing on how the school supports the wellbeing of its children and staff. This included a visit to Sunshine Club and discussions with staff and pupils.
14 th Mar	OFSTED Governor Meeting	Governing Board meeting with the OFSTED Inspector as part of the inspection process.
28 th Mar	Governor Board Meeting	Full Governing Board meeting, including discussion of the draft Budget presented, quality of education, behaviour, safeguarding and policy review.
29 th Mar	Family Consultation Evening	Governor attendance, with the opportunity to meet and talk to many of the Parents & Carers

UP & COMING EVENTS AT HOBBLETT'S

6 – 9 th Jun	Curriculum Week
12 th Jun	Class and Sports Team Photos
24 th Jun	Summer Fair
26 - 30 th Jun	Sports Week
30 th Jun	Sports Day
13 th Jul	Transition Day and Open Afternoon
14 th Jul	Year 6 Leavers Party
20 th Jul	Year 6 Leavers assembly

More details in the Schools
Weekly Newsletter, linked
on the website:



RAISING THE PROFILE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD



As a Governing Board we want to raise our profile within the community, so that you can visibly gain reassurance that we are fulfilling our duties effectively and supporting the school to relentlessly drive the quality of education forward.

To do this we want to be more visible and accessible at events (e.g. Family Consultation Evenings, Summer Fair) and provide you with more regular updates (such as this termly Newsletter).

We also wish to continue to strengthen our links with our colleagues in Hobblett's Infants and Nursery School and continue to drive greater alignment between the Juniors and Infants through our ongoing 'Heads & Chairs' joint meetings, during which we discuss all areas that impact both schools, such as security and access.

NEXT UP...

So, OFSTED complete which now gives us opportunity to reflect on the feedback and plan.

Next on our agenda we have a strategy day in the final half of the summer term when we have a much more detailed conversation about the impact of the schools work to date and plans for the coming years to continue to advance Hobblett's Manor Juniors.

For now, that's all. Thank you for your time and please feel free to provide feedback and thoughts (via the school) on how and where you would like to see more of the Governing Board.

Daniel Taylor - Co-Chair

On behalf of the Governing Board