

Governors Newsletter - Spring Term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Who would have thought that we would be marking the anniversary of the first lockdown in a similar situation? The challenges that pupils, parents, staff and all the Padnell community have faced have been considerable but met with resilience and good humour. On behalf of the Governors I'd like to thank you all for your patience and support for the school whilst we all navigate and respond to an ever changing situation.

The support that you have given has meant the children have continued to receive rich and varied experiences wherever possible. It was lovely to read about money raised for Red Nose Day activities and your support for World Book Day, both in school and remotely from home. All this and more in addition to the support you have given to home learning for so many of your children. Thank you.

This term it has been business as usual for the Governors albeit mostly carried out remotely in line with the current guidance. However, we are now in a position to carry out some school visits as well which is wonderful as of course, school is where we all want to be.

As a summary, this term we have;

- Participated in whole governing body training with the challenge we provide for Mandy Grayson and her team as the focus.
- Considered how our governor training will further impact pupil progress through the support and challenge we give.
- Monitored development of the curriculum. This was supported by an excellent presentation to governors by Mrs Young.
- Scrutinised the School Improvement Plan and how current actions are being implemented. Some examples are the development of online learning and provision for reading and phonics.

- Monitored plans in place in the event of any further disruption because of Covid.
- Supported the completion of the Schools Financial Values Standards by undertaking individual finance training.
- Monitored how the wellbeing of pupils, their parents and our staff has been prioritised at all times.
- Carried out our individual governor monitoring roles such as Inclusion, Pupil premium, Curriculum, English and Mathematics.

As ever, Health & Safety and Safeguarding remain priorities for us as a governing body. There are systems in place for the consistent monitoring of these areas.

Thank you once again for all your support. We hope you have a good Easter break which can, at long last, be spent with family and friends.

With best wishes

Jenny Lazell
Co-opted governor

On behalf of the governors.