

Governor News



Summer Term Newsletter

WHO ARE WE?

Fiona Waloff	Vice Chair (Foundation)
Gareth Jones	Vice Chair (Parent)
Linda Silver	Foundation
Anne Swerling	Local Authority
Chris Holt	Community
Vacancy	Parent
Sandra Podro	Community
Di Hoeksma	Community
Michelle Ralph	Parent
Tom Usher	Parent
Charmaine Davison	Staff
Helen Flint	Associate

Our Mission:

To provide 5 star service for our children and families so that:

- * *our children thrive both socially and academically to be the best they can be,*
- * *and parents are confident that their children are happy, safe and well supported in their learning and development .*

Message From our Vice Chair

The end of the academic year is fast approaching. Ashfield's Governing Board has had a busy year re-organising itself, raising awareness of ourselves in our approachability to parents and attending some of the wonderful events that make up life at Ashfield.

We say goodbye and thank Daniel Phillips, who has been a Parent Governor for the past few years, for everything he has done. This, therefore, leaves us with some vacancies for Parent Governors. Please give this some thought over the holidays. It's not an onerous task and doesn't require a huge amount of your time. The voice of the Parent Governor is important to the school/governing board as it is your children that we are there to support. Should you wish to talk to a Governor please contact the office who will put you in touch with someone.

We also say goodbye to our Year 6's and wish them every success in their new schools.

Below are some of the activities Governors have attended, in no particular order:

First Aid Course – the school had a qualified First Aider in to show and practise with the children the basics of first aid. This was done in class groups and the word from the children was that it was 'brilliant'

The French Café which is done by our Year 4 children. It is always amazing and how well these children have mastered their French and how well it is run. The way the parents become involved with their children at the café is always a pleasure to watch.



2018 K'Nex Challenge

A project inspiring young people in Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM)



*Science afternoon with Mr Gareth Jones
(Parent Governor)*

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics). This activity was done by both Year 5 & 6. Again, the excitement from the children some of whom have never used/seen KNEX before, having to work in teams to design and build a lifting/moving crane. The sense of achievement and team work ever apparent.

The Planetarium came to the school hall. Each class group had a chance to visit this blow up dome when it appeared in the school hall. They were fascinated at looking at the sky from a different perspective, were able to ask questions as well as feeling a meteorite (which was unbelievably heavy for its size). We looked at our closest planets and the differences between them was explained. What a wonderful experience!

Science Afternoon with Mr Gareth Jones (Parent Governor). Mr Jones is a Science Teacher in a high school and every year brings the Year 5's an entertaining afternoon using basic chemistry. This year he brought with him a static electricity machine. To see the girls' long hair standing on endwell what can we say! This together with watching the 'whoosh bottle' go up!

The 'family' tag rugby tournament. All the children sitting around the court cheering their team on. I'm surprised the new Year 3's had any voices left!! Again, their team spirit shone through.

Sports Day – Mrs Dalziel you somehow manage to get that good weather most years and this was no exception. Another enjoyable day giving both parents/carers/grandparents and governors a chance to see the children of Ashfield in action.

Governors had a presence at Open Evening and will also be attending the Year 6 Leavers Show.

But all the hard work in organising these 'fun' things in school, together with everything else that goes on in organising the curriculum and teaching is down to the time, hard work, effort and dedication of our head teacher, Mrs Dalziel together with all the teachers, teaching assistants and other members of staff who somehow always manage to remain sane throughout the year. On behalf of our Governing Board a huge thank you, to you all, for what you do for the school every year.

We wish you all a good summer break and look forward to meeting our new Year 3's in September.

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Sports Day