



GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

Wellington Primary School

Sutton Lane, Hounslow TW3 4LB

Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Wellington Families

Hopefully, as you read this letter you will have seen the new crossing which has been installed on Sutton Lane just outside the Infant site. We are so grateful to Seema Malhotra MP and her support staff who worked on our behalf to expedite this. The Governors and the school have been in dialogue with the local authority about installing some pavement railings outside the school sites, but currently this has not been agreed.

We would also like to thank Mrs Norton and all the staff at the school for their hardwork, keeping the school open and providing excellent teaching while the world is still battling COVID-19. Where children have missed out on some areas of learning, the teaching staff are doing all they can to fill in those gaps. When we look at the children's achievements, we are able to see how they are catching up.

As Governors we monitor how Wellington School is enabling the children to develop their reading, writing and maths. The teachers do so much to encourage each child to develop a love for reading. Reading plays a part in every aspect of life at every stage. Reading helps children to develop their language skills. It helps them to be



creative thinkers. It also helps them learn to listen - another skill for life. We would love to encourage you to read with your children at home. You can read a bedtime story together, or even read a recipe as you cook together.

In his book about a little girl called Matilda, the author Roald Dahl wrote "The books transported her into new worlds and introduced her to amazing people who lived exciting lives. She went on olden-day sailing ships with Joseph Conrad.



"What sort of a book would you like to read next?"

She went to Africa with Ernest Hemingway and to India with Rudyard Kipling. She travelled all over the world while sitting in her little room in an English village."

The London Borough of Hounslow has fantastic Library Services just for children and they are completely free. There are so many different types of books that are available to borrow and activities to encourage a love of reading. I would encourage you to go and see what is available. Perhaps you can plan a reading adventure over the Christmas holiday.

With best wishes
Henny Pearmain

Role of Link Governors

Henny Pearmain, Chair of Governors

Link governors take on oversight of a particular area of school life such as safeguarding, special educational needs and disabilities, or a curriculum topic. They meet regularly with the leading member of staff; they develop their knowledge in that area and they ensure that relevant policies, and the school's strategy and development plans, are being put into action. The link governors keep the full Governing Board informed about the area and act as a link between governors and staff.

As an example, I met with the lead teacher for the topic of Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE) last week. This focuses on strengthening the knowledge, skills, and confidence of children to keep themselves healthy and safe and to prepare them for life as they grow up. Wellington uses teaching material called Jigsaw.



Initially, the staff member and I discussed the teaching and development objectives for this year. It would have been an opportunity to raise concerns on either side, if there had been any. We also looked at how any budget was spent, perhaps on equipment. We then spent some time with

small groups of children, asking particular questions to see what they have been learning and what they thought of the topic. This was a way of looking at the effectiveness of teaching and also the children's engagement in the topic. For a Governor, it was really impressive to see how much of an understanding Wellington children have of topics such as friendship and diversity, celebrating our differences, safety in school and online safety.

“We can work together to find the words.”

The children were asked if they found it easy to talk about their feelings in PSHE classes. One child replied that it's sometimes not easy as sometimes you don't know the word to describe your feelings. How lovely it was when another child responded by saying, “We can work together to find the words.”

How do I contact the governors?

All governors are contactable via e-mail at cog@wellington.hounslow.sch.uk. You can see who the Governors are on the school website.

