



**Pinner Wood Governing Body Newsletter**  
**July 2017**  
**Pinner Wood Forever**

This has been our first year as Co-Chair of Governors and what a year it has been. I hope you agree that only a school like ours, with such resilient children, parents and staff would remain so strong. Pinner Wood certainly has triumphed over adversity.

**School Progress**

Mrs Spruce, Miss Marriott, Mrs Bretayne and the team have done a great job to work closely with Harrow Council to achieve the best results for our children and school. We are excited to have KS1 and KS2 together next term in the Civic Centre and the Nursery and Den continuing to thrive in the Community Centre. The on-site works are progressing well and are on track. We will continue to meet regularly with Harrow Council throughout the summer holidays to ensure it remains this way.

**The Role of the Governing Body**

At this time of year we would normally review the work of the Governing Body, this year has been slightly different as our number one priority has been to get our school back to our site. However, we have been reviewing the effectiveness of the Governing Body, to make sure we are the 'critical friend' of the school, to support but also to challenge. We hope we have achieved this over the last academic year but we have reviewed and changed our committee structure to make sure we continue to do so next term. We have tightened our focus on Children, Curriculum and Achievement and Resources which focuses on how we spend our budget.

**Highlights of the Year**

- You will have seen the amazing SATs results that our fantastic year 6 students have achieved. We are all so proud of them and the staff who have worked incredibly hard to achieve this - well done to all.
- We have recruited an amazing new Headteacher. We can never replace Mrs Spruce but I hope you will agree that Miss Marriott's commitment has been

amazing, shortening her maternity leave to come back and support the school. She has lots of great ideas for the future and is a real asset to Pinner Wood.

- We have had two new parent Governors this year who are already getting really involved which is great as there is always lots to do.
- Attendance is still strong and we know that our parents have worked hard to help the school achieve this.

### Goodbyes

- Year 6 - We say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils who have been outstanding ambassadors of the school for the year; we wish them well for the next stage in their education and their future. Their Bugsy Malone show was outstanding, what an end to the year!
- Bob Fletcher - Bob has been a fantastic asset to the school and more than just our Premises Manager. After all his hard work he is more than deserving of a fantastic retirement.
- Nadia Ali - Nadia who has been a Parent Governor for over 6 years; we thank her for all her hard work.
- Finally, Mrs Spruce, what can we say! Mrs Spruce has made Pinner Wood the school that it is and so many children have benefited from her hard work and dedication. We wish her a very happy retirement and we hope she will stay in touch to see how we progress in the future. We hope you all enjoyed the amazing International picnic arranged by the Friends of Pinner Wood.

### Looking Forward

As a Governing Body we are all really excited about the next academic year, on coming home to our school site and to plan for the future with our new Headteacher. Spread the word Pinner Wood is most definitely back in business.

We will be holding elections for 3 new parent governors in September, a hard but fulfilling role. We will provide more information next term about what the Governing Body is looking for and what this role involves. If you would like more information about the work the Governing Body does please look at our page on the website and get in touch via our email address [governors@pinnerwood.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:governors@pinnerwood.harrow.sch.uk).

Have a restful and enjoyable summer!

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