

## Brent Knoll School Newsletter Summer 2018

Welcome back to another term at Brent Knoll School.

### **School Vision**

As always at Brent Knoll there has been plenty going on over the first part of 2018 and plenty to look forward as we (hopefully) head into warmer weather and the Summer term. Since taking on the role of Acting Headteacher I have worked hard with the Senior Leadership Team to articulate the school's vision which was informed by work done previously with staff and the Governing Body. I will send further details out during the Summer term but in summary it is that the Brent Knoll community will:

'Be the best that we can be.'

And that our pupils will:

- Value themselves and respect others
- Develop responsibility for their actions
- Make informed choices and decisions independently
- Develop the resilience to become a responsible and active citizen in their community

Underpinned by our values of:

- Responsibility
- Respect
- Kindness
- Fairness
- Honesty

## **School Improvement Plan**

Alongside this statement I have developed a School Improvement Plan and Self Evaluation Statement to support our strategic intent and am now sharing these with our Middle Leaders to get their input before distributing to all staff later in the Summer Term. We have had a valuable opportunity to 'test' these documents as we have recently had an extremely positive review of Teaching and Learning conducted by the Local Authority which recognised the great work being done by our staff to help support our pupils progress and personal development.

## **Safeguarding**

I have also undertaken a body of work as the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead and with the help of Emma Moore, our School Home Support worker, have revamped our systems and processes to ensure that they are extremely robust and have clear systems for all members of the school community to take responsibility for the safety and welfare of all our pupils under our banner of 'See it, hear it, report it'.

## **The Brent Knoll and Watergate Trust**

The Brent Knoll and Watergate Trust is gathering momentum and is beginning the process of recruiting a CEO on a part time basis to develop the Trust strategy and develop fundraising to support interests of SEND in the Borough. Can I urge you if you haven't already done so to join the trust by returning the enclosed form. There is no charge for joining and it will give you access to regular updates about the Trust's development.

## **Sport Relief**

Thanks to all parents who helped out with our fundraising efforts for Sport Relief which was a hugely enjoyable event resulting in lots of fun for the pupils and staff. The upside was the raising of lots of money for charity and the downside was a face full of custard pie for me delivered by one of our pupils!

## **Achievements**

Another thanks for all who turned up for parents evening and to help celebrate our young people at our end of term Achievements Assembly. This showcases all of the wonderful progress that pupils have been making in all aspects of school life. We have introduced a new trophy for participation and being a 'superstar' in memory of our beloved Orneilla Uylett and the inaugural recipient was Tavan Mitchell from Year10. It was especially moving as Petagay, Orneilla's Mum, was in attendance to make the presentation to Tavan and a cheque for £400 to Rockbourne Youth Club where Orneilla spent many happy hours.

## Recent Activities

There has been much activity from our pupils and a few of the highlights the Spring term have been:

- Makaton choir performing at the Broadway Theatre in Catford
- A group of Secondary students attended the WE concert at the SSE Arena
- 8B visited Forest Hill fire station
- Willow Class visited the Horniman Museum
- Year 7 & 8 Residential trip to Margaret McMillan House in Wrotham
- Year 9 and 10 students took part in the Multi-sport Panathlon South Finals in Crystal Palace
- Primary students showed off their Easter bonnets in a fabulous Easter bonnet parade
- 10B visited The Reach Climbing Wall in Woolwich as part of their work on The Prince's Trust Award
- Year 11s took part in a CV workshop in preparation for moving on at the end of the year



### Some dates for your diary:

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Year 5 Secondary open morning.  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Parent Forum Meeting  
May 7<sup>th</sup> – May bank holiday  
May 16<sup>th</sup> – Parent and Carer Support Group  
May 28<sup>th</sup> – Half term  
June 6<sup>th</sup> – Makaton training for Parents and Carers  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Transition day 1  
July 4<sup>th</sup> – Parents and Carers Support Group  
July 5<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening  
July 6<sup>th</sup> – Transition day 2  
July 11-13<sup>th</sup> – Brent Knoll Arts Festival  
July 20<sup>th</sup> – End of Year