



Happy Easter from Overstone's Governors!

The end of the Spring term appears to have come around quickly with Easter being early in the calendar this year. Yet, we're sure everyone is looking forward to a break, some sunshine (we hope!) and some delicious treats.

There are some big achievements to celebrate this term. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard following the school values through all aspects of school life. As governors, we have been lucky enough to see some of this in action during visits to the school and to organised events. For instance, we saw Year 3 show respect and use their listening skills during their Roman Day, which was a huge success – one child reported it was "the best day ever!". Everyone enjoyed dressing up, making Roman jewellery and mosaics, and placing their offerings for the god of war, Mars.

Parents, carers and children of all years engaged with the school during Walk to School Week as a giant 'caterpillar' snaked its way through the village. There was kindness and respect to others shown along the way. It was also wonderful to see the effort, enthusiasm and dedication of those taking part in the school Science Fair, with such a range of science experiments to wonder at – everything from demonstrating how the very first animation was made, to showcasing the planets in our solar systems, making exploding volcanoes to taking part in birdwatching surveys. A huge thank you must go to the coordinators, Miss Mitchener and Miss Callum, to the children for their extra learning, and to the parents and carers for getting stuck in!

The school have also been busy behind the scenes. Staff and governors were involved in the recent Local Authority Health and Safety audit that was undertaken across the school. Schools have these inspections every three to four years, checking things like fire safety, asbestos management and site safety. We are extremely proud that the school was given a Grade A – Excellent – rating. We'd like to thank staff and the caretaking team for keeping our school safe and well-managed for everyone.

We also participated in a full Governing Board review, which was an incredibly positive experience, demonstrating that there is a wide range of skills and knowledge on the Board already. Many of us are (or were) parents of children here, so we have a deep connection to the school and local community. But this can also present a challenge in terms of independent evaluation, so we are on the lookout for independent governors from education or similar backgrounds. Please do consider joining us! We are responsible for overseeing the school's strategic direction and financial performance; and what you learn as a governor can have personal and professional benefits as well as you develop many transferable skills. To find out more email: governors@overstone-wing.org

As always, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Overstone's PTA who raise important funds for the school and give the children lots to look forward to, such as the recent Easter Fete, which provided fun and treats for many across all school years.

Contact us: We are here to help the school, staff and parents alike, so please feel free to get in touch. You may spot some of us on the school run, and we are always happy to talk. Or you can contact us through the school office or at governors@overstone-wing.org

Wishing you all an egg-cellent spring break!

Kind regards, The Governors