



SCHOOL GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

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Termly Governor Review

As we write our Winter Term newsletter, it's wonderful to reflect on all that we have achieved in just a few months! This term has been packed with exciting events and significant progress for both the school team and the children.

The Board of Governors continues to work closely with Mrs. Loader and her dedicated team to ensure that Stanway Primary provides an environment where your children can thrive academically and grow as individuals. This term, we have been involved in various school activities and have spent time at the school to observe and support excellent teaching practices.

As we approach the festive season, we want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! And here's a little joke to bring some holiday cheer: Why was the maths book sad at Christmas? Because it had too many problems!

Christmas Celebrations 2024

An integral part of Christmas at Stanway Primary School is the Celebrations and Carol Services presented by our amazing children. This year has been no exception with each Key Stage sharing their view of what Christmas is all about.

This year it ranged from traditional Carol services led by KS2, the nativity from Early Years, the Bethlehem Bake off by Y2 and a presentation of song and narrative by Y1. Each one was delivered with enthusiasm and with every child involved. It was such a joy seeing our children enjoying themselves. Words were delivered confidently, and songs/carols sang enthusiastically. It was so good seeing all the events being well supported by family and friends. What a way to set the scene for a joyous Christmas.

We must also acknowledge the time and effort put into these events by the teaching and support staff. These things do not just happen but take a lot of time and commitment from all concerned.

So we say a huge thank you to our children, the school staff and of course you as parents/carers, for helping us all to share in the joy of Christmas.



Governor Monitoring Day- November 2024

On Tuesday 12th November, the governing board spent the day in school observing Writing and the school's Nurture provision. We also looked at behaviour and safeguarding during the day. The day began with a meeting with Mrs Riggs, English subject lead, who shared with us an overview of the English curriculum, teaching expectations and assessment processes. This gave us a good understanding of what to expect during the day.

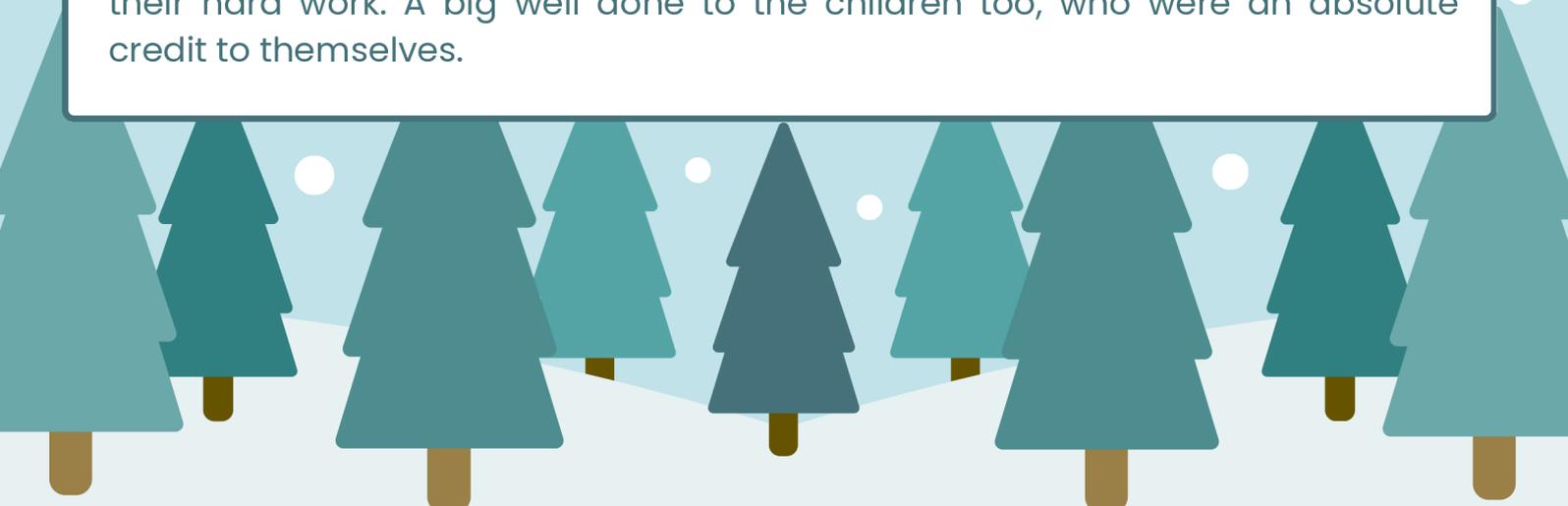
We then spent time in classrooms observing English lessons across most years and spoke to children from all year groups looking at their English and Big Write books. Time was also spent in the KS1 and KS2 nurture rooms.

Over the course of the day, it was brilliant to see children so engaged in their learning, and all classes were calm and focused on interesting topics. When we spoke with children, they were incredibly proud of their work, and rightly so, and they able to explain to us their learning objectives, how good work is celebrated, and how they are encouraged to focus on areas of opportunity to improve.

During our nurture room observations, and conversations with children they told us they feel safe in school, they know who to talk to and feel like issues are resolved when needed. This was very pleasing to hear.

Lunchtime was enjoyed with the children in the dinner hall - with Roast Wednesdays and Pizza firm favourites on the menu. A couple of governors even received a sticker for eating all their lunch!

We were all impressed with the significant amount of focus in place to ensure children reach their full potential and the expected levels of attainment. Our thanks go to all staff for welcoming us into school for the day, and for all their hard work. A big well done to the children too, who were an absolute credit to themselves.





EYFS Nurture Cabin Opening



The school and the governors are extremely indebted to the PTA who have raised monies and supported a new nurture cabin for use by our Early Years classes. The PTA have worked tirelessly to bring this facility to the school with the help of several suppliers (who kindly donated materials), and volunteers who gave their time to ensure that this project was completed.

The nurture cabin provides a space for our children to take a short break from mainstream settings, which sometimes they can find overwhelming. In the area there are various activities that the children can undertake, under the guidance and support of a member of staff.

We were delighted that the sponsors and a number of parents and volunteers joined the PTA for the grand opening in November.



A big thank you to everyone involved

Welcoming Our New School Governor

In November we welcomed our new Parent Governor Paul Vinters to the Board of Governors. Paul has a wealth of experience in the NHS. You can read more in our Governor biographies on the school website.

"I'm excited to join the Stanway Primary School community as a governor. My children attend the school so I am personally invested in supporting its success. If you see me around the school or at events, please say *hello*, I'm always happy to chat and hear your thoughts on how we can make our school even better for our children."





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As we approach the end of this academic term, it's a perfect time to reflect on the achievements of our pupils and the incredible support from our community. Though the calendar year is ending, our school year continues, and we are excited for what lies ahead.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents for your unwavering support throughout the term. Your encouragement has been vital to your children's success, and we are immensely proud of all they have accomplished.

A special thank you to all staff. Your hard work, care, and commitment to creating the best learning environment for our children is truly exceptional. Enjoy a well-deserved festive break!

As we celebrate this festive season, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your holidays be filled with joy, warmth, and good cheer.

Thank you for being a part of the Stanway Primary School community. We look forward to continuing this journey together in the coming year.

Merry Christmas to all!

The Governing Body

