



Special edition newsletter: Governing Body letter to parents and carers: How is Ellen Wilkinson Primary doing and what are our next steps? (2018)

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This special edition newsletter from the Governing Body has been put together to let you know how the School is doing (based on what you have told us and what we have found out from school visits, meetings and pupil results). It is also an opportunity to share and celebrate some of the fantastic achievements over the past year and extend our thanks to all parents, careers, staff and pupils for your commitment and support in achieving these. Everyone plays a key role in developing our happy community and ensuring that we all learn and succeed together.

The vision of Ellen Wilkinson School is Learning to Grow and Succeed Together. Your School Governors work closely with Ms Ferguson and her staff to ensure that this vision underpins all that we do.

We presently have eleven governors representing parents, members of staff and members of our local community. We all meet together with Ms Ferguson at least five times each year including a day spent in School working together on reviewing progress over the past year and planning for the next. We also have subcommittees focusing on Curriculum and Standards and on School Finances.

At our meetings we receive reports about the main School and about Little Ellies and the Children's Centre. We also review School policies and the overall strategic development of the School.

Visiting the School

Each governor has a specific linked responsibility - for example: safeguarding, inclusion or a particular curriculum area. We meet with pupils to discuss their views about Ellen Wilkinson School as well as talking to staff and visiting classrooms and play areas. As an example, members of the JLT have met with me to discuss how staff deal with bullying and keeping children safe, and how pupils also contribute to ensuring all children feel safe and happy at school.

Governors have joined pupils to try out school lunches (they were delicious) and looked at the facilities available for pupils during break and lunch times. We have visited classes in all year groups to look at children's work and progress and also attend parents' evenings and other special events at the School. Whenever we visit we are always impressed by the children's work, behaviour and enthusiasm. They are always very keen to tell us how proud they are of their School.

The School Budget

The Finance Committee meets regularly to plan and agree the overall budget and monitor finances over the year. Like many schools across the country, we have had to look carefully at how we manage the budget with more financial cuts expected over the next few years. However, the priority remains to prioritise the best possible teaching and resources for pupils.

Follow up after the School Closure

The school closure before half term due to the spider infestation was a difficult time for everyone. Thank you so much for your support and we do appreciate the considerable problems faced by many families during this time and the efforts made to ensure that your children were able to continue their learning at home during this period. We are now working with the school and environmental experts to put in place plans to ensure this situation does not recur in future years.

Marie Christie
Chair of Governors

Did you know that...

You can come and discuss the contents of this newsletter with our Governors at the drop in session on **Thursday 22nd November at 9am?**

OUTCOMES FOR PUPILS

IN 2017-18 WE WANTED TO: REFINE THE USE OF ASSESSMENT TO POSITIVELY IMPACT ON PUPIL OUTCOMES

Governing Body Statement: Staff have focused on ensuring assessment becomes even more effective in tracking pupil progress and in showing children how to further improve. The positive progress shown in all year groups shows the contribution this has made to pupil attainment. Pupils have also spoken about how they benefit from the feedback they get from staff.

In 2018/19 we want to: develop further how our assessment feeds into our planning.

End of Reception (%)

	Good level of Development	Lit.	Maths	UTW	Exp. Arts	PSED	Physical Dev.	Comm. & Lang.
EWPS	75	75	85	85	88	93	88	81
National	71	75	81	89	89	89	90	86

*National data is for 2017 as this has not been released for 2018 to date.

End of KS1 (% at expected standard & % at greater depth)

	Reading		Writing		Maths		All subjects
EWPS	85	20	81	22	85	20	78
National	75.0	25	68	15	75	20	64

End of KS2 (% at expected standard & % at greater depth)

	Reading		Writing		Maths		All subjects		GPS	
EWPS	77	30	81	21	83	40	75	17	83	55
National	75	28	78	24	75	23	64	10	77	42

What you told us:

My child is making good progress at this school	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
98%	2%

"I am very happy with the school. Teachers and support staff are amazing. Thank you very much for everything. The school has worked hard to make it a great place to learn and have fun at the same time."

Did you know that...

This year EWPS achieved a re-accreditation of the Gold Award for the School Games Mark?

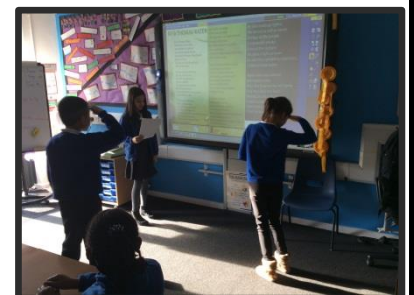
Year 1 Phonics

	Passed
EWPS	90
National	81

Did you know that...

This year EWPS were successfully awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark – Gold Award?

This school meets my child's particular needs	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
98%	2%



QUALITY OF TEACHING, LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

IN 2017/18 WE WANTED TO: RAISE STANDARDS IN WRITING (INCLUDING PHONICS, SPELLING AND HANDWRITING).

Governing Body statement: This focus on all aspects of writing followed the successful drive on reading the previous year. Strategies to improve writing across the school have proved very successful whilst results across all subject areas have remained high with results above national standards across the board. It is clear that staff have worked hard to ensure that all children achieve their best and enjoy school life.

IN 2017-18 WE WANTED TO: INCREASE THE FOCUS ON LITERACY IN THE EARLY YEARS

Governing Body Statement: Staff have explicitly planned for more exposure to literacy through reading, writing and phonics in the Early Years curriculum. Governors saw this demonstrated in class visits, watching small groups reading and discussing books with their staff and through classroom displays.

In 2018/19 we want to: continue to raise standards in reading.

What you told us:

My child is taught well at this school	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
98%	2%



"I am very happy with these wonderful teachers! Thank you!"



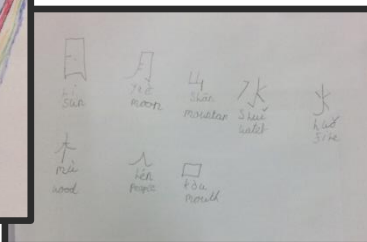
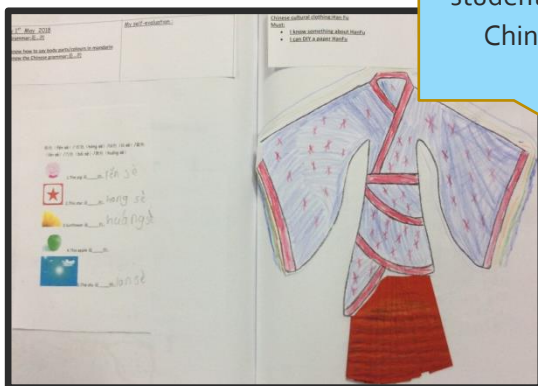
This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics

Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
98%	2%

"The education provided by this school is a great one!"

Did you know that...

EWPS works with the Confucius Institute based at London Southbank University to deliver our Mandarin lessons? To date, 71 students have gained Level 1 in The Youth Chinese Test (YCT) and 3 pupils have achieved Level 2.



IN 2017/18 WE WANTED TO: REFINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SAFEGUARDING SYSTEMS

Governing Body Statement: Keeping children safe has always been a priority for the School. But we have developed this work further this year to be ready to meet new statutory government guidelines. This included staff training and working with the children to ensure they are aware of how to keep themselves safe and who to talk to if they feel unsafe or unhappy. The school also works closely with outside agencies to ensure that there are effective systems to support vulnerable children and their families

In 2018/19 we want to: develop our curriculum so continue to support pupils building their emotional resilience through collaborations with Headstart.

What you told us:

My child feels safe at this school

Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
99.5%	0.5%



"I'm happy at this school - my child loves it here. They are very happy, thank you."

This school ensures my child is well looked after

Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
99%	1%

"My worries of my son being bullied have been resolved and I'm happy."



Did you know that...

Ellen Wilkinson received the London Enterprise Adviser Network Award & Certificate of Recognition for Primary School of the Year?



This school deals with any cases of bullying effectively

Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
99%	1%

Behaviour in the school is good which ensures a happy and safe learning environment

Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
99%	1%

"Everything good! We are very happy! Thanks."

"After school provision is highly needed 3 - 6.15pm for working parents."

Did you know that...

EWPS are working towards an award for the SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) Quality Mark.



LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

IN 2017/18 WE WANTED TO: ESTABLISH THE JUNIOR GOVERNING BODY & CONTINUE TO RAISE ASPIRATIONS THROUGH FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF 'UP & OUT WEEK'.

Governing Body Statement: The Junior Governing Body linked with the Governors this year looking at different parts of the school to see what we are doing well and what we can be doing better. Our 'Up & Out' Week was extremely successful and we had over 20 organisations visit the school, we even received the London Enterprise Adviser Network Award for Primary School of the Year!

In 2018/19 we want to review and develop our curriculum and continue to develop the quality of our Middle Leadership Team through internal coaching and development.

What you told us:

This school keeps me well informed	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
99%	1%

Did you know that...

3 members of staff have successfully achieved their NPQH (National Professional Qualification for Headship) & 1 has achieved NPQML (National Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership) this year?



The Governing Body are effective	
Strongly agree/ agree	Strongly agree/ agree
99%	1%

The leadership team are approachable	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
99.5%	0.5%

"Thank you for working hard for the children in the school. The staff are always very friendly and approachable."

"The staff and leadership team, school and teachers are all making good progress. You are all very caring people and keep up the good work."



Did you know that...

EWPS were awarded the Tollgate Teaching Alliance Gold Award for our NQT (Newly Qualified Teacher) Induction Programme?



I would recommend this school to another parent	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
99.5%	0.5%

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR AHEAD!