



Special edition newsletter: Governing Body letter to parents and carers: How is Ellen Wilkinson Primary doing and what are our next steps? (2017)

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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), what we've been working on and what we're going to be working on next. We also wanted to share and celebrate some of the fantastic achievements over the last year and extend our thanks to all parents, carers, staff and pupils for their commitment in achieving these. Everyone plays a key role in developing our happy community that ensures we all learn and succeed together.

Your School Governors

We currently have twelve Governors, representing parents, members of staff and members of the local community. We usually meet with the Headteacher and senior staff twice each term. We also have subcommittee meetings to look in detail at the Curriculum and Standards in the School and the School Budget.

The annual parent survey is a very helpful way of finding out more about your views of the school and we also try to attend other events like parents' evenings.

Involving the Children

During our visits to the school we have found it very valuable to talk to the children and find out their views of the school. This year we are hoping to work more closely with the Junior Governing Body because we feel their experience and ideas can help make Ellen Wilkinson an even better school in the future.

Did you know that...

You can come and discuss the contents of this newsletter with our Governors at the drop in session on **Thursday 23rd November at 9am?**

The School Budget

Like many schools across the country, we have had to look carefully at how we manage the school budget with more financial cuts expected over the next few years. These are challenging times; however the priority will always be to ensure the best possible teaching and resources for pupils in this school.

Plans for the Future

Throughout this year the Governing Body has been exploring the possibility of working more collaboratively with local schools, to share good practice and make savings in resources and services which may in the future include becoming part of an Academy Trust. No recommendations or decisions have yet been made, and we look forward to consulting fully with parents about any proposals.

Marie Christie

(Chair of Governors)

OUTCOMES FOR PUPILS

IN 2016/17 WE WANTED TO: CONTINUE TO IMPROVE PUPIL OUTCOMES & DEVELOP CHILDREN'S HIGHER ORDER READING SKILLS WHILST PROMOTING A LOVE OF READING.

Governing Body statement: We are pleased that we continue to meet or exceed national expectations in all key stages. The improvement in reading attainment reflects the focused work we did last year. We will continue to refine our practice in this area during the coming year. Our main focus this year is to improve standards in writing including spelling and handwriting.

IN 2017/18 WE WANT TO: CONTINUE TO IMPROVE PUPIL OUTCOMES IN WRITING PARTICULARLY AT GREATER DEPTH. THERE IS ALSO A FOCUS ON SPELLING & HANDWRITING.

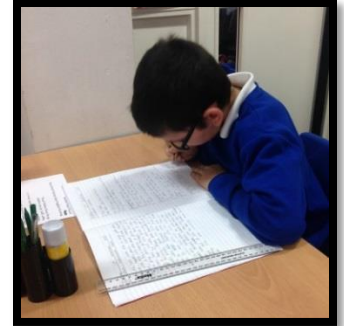
End of Reception (%)

	Good level of Development	Lit.	Maths	UTW	Exp. Arts	PSED	Physical Dev.	Comm. & Lang.
EWPS	84.2	84	89	96	96	95	98	91
National	70.7	75	80	88	89	90	91	86

*National data taken from the early statistical release from the DfE for 2017

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

	Reading		Writing		Maths		All subjects	
EWPS	84	21	80	7	82	21	77	8
National	75.6	25.2	68.2	15.6	75.2	20.5	63.4	11.0



Year 1 Phonics

	Passed
EWPS	82
National	81

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

	Reading		Writing		Maths		All subjects		GPS	
EWPS	75	14	77	0	86	37	68	0	86	46
National/ Newham	71	22	76	22	75	31	61	9	77	42

"I am very happy with my child's progress."

What you told us:

My child is making good progress at this school	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
100 %	0%

"I am very happy with my child's progress and her SATs results."



Did you know that...

EWPS has been recognised as part of London Schools for Success for our effectiveness in ensuring all our pupils, including those from deprived backgrounds, achieve well?

This school meets my child's particular needs	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
99%	1%

QUALITY OF TEACHING, LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

IN 2016/17 WE WANTED TO: CONTINUE TO IMPROVE PUPIL OUTCOMES & DEVELOP CHILDREN'S HIGHER ORDER READING SKILLS WHILST PROMOTING A LOVE OF READING

Governing Body statement: We are very pleased that whilst standards in reading improved as planned, the school still maintained a broad and balanced curriculum. Results across all core subject areas are at or above national standards. Robust monitoring shows we have a strong staff team who have a positive impact on pupil outcomes. During link visits it is clear how much children enjoy lessons and this is reflected in the quality of work produced .

IN 2017/18 WE WANT TO: REFINE THE WAY WE USE ASSESSMENT TO POSITIVELY IMPACT ON PUPIL OUTCOMES.

What you told us:

My child is taught well at this school	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
99%	1%



"My child is very happy at EWPS. He is making great progress in reading and writing with support from his teacher. "



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

Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
100%	0%

"Massive thank you to my child's teacher."



Did you know that...

EWPS works with the Confucius Institute based at London Southbank University to deliver our Mandarin lessons?



IN 2016/17 WE WANTED TO: INTRODUCE AND EMBED OUR NEW SCHOOL VALUES. WE ALSO WANT TO EMPOWER PUPIL VOICE ACROSS THE SCHOOL THROUGH OUR CLASS AND SCHOOL COUNCILS

Governing Body statement: It is difficult to remember that we only introduced our new school values a year ago as they have become so embedded within our ethos and day-to-day practice! They clearly underpin all aspects of school life and it is wonderful to see everyone's commitment to these during our link visits. We are very excited that this year to have created a Junior Governing Body to replace the school council. It is hoped that this will give far greater opportunities for pupils to have a voice in the running and direction of the school.

IN 2017/18 WE WANT TO: RAISE THE PROFILE OF HOW TO STAY SAFE ONLINE.

What you told us:

My child feels safe at this school	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
100%	0%



"She is very happy at school and enjoys all the opportunities that the school offers."



This school ensures my child is well looked after	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
100%	0%



Did you know that...
EWPS achieved the Gold Games Mark for our sports provision last year?

"Brilliant school. I am so happy how concerned the staff are with both wellbeing, education and safety of my children."

This school deals with any cases of bullying effectively	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
96%	4%

Behaviour in the school is good which ensures a happy and safe learning environment	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
99%	1%

"My child enjoys going to school, this is a good sign for me. Thank you for everything."

"More extracurricular clubs could be offered."



IN 2016/17 WE WANTED TO: ADOPT AGROWTH MIND SET APPROACH TO LEARNING AT EWPS. THIS IS TO EQUIP US ALL WITH THE SKILLS TO BECOME MORE SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS. THIS WILL BE UNDERPINNED BY OUR SCHOOL VALUES AND DEVELOPING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASED ASPIRATION.

Governing Body statement: As part of our drive to increase pupils' aspirations we held our first 'Up & Out' week last year. All our children had the chance to talk to people from a wide range of professions including gardeners, designers, cooks, sports coaches, musicians, shipping companies and even an MP! Children also explored the skills they would need to enter the professions they are interested in. this year we are looking to extend this even further!

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

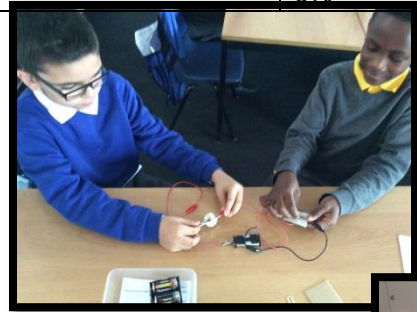
What you told us:

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

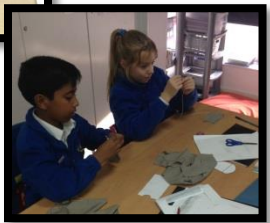
It's her first year and I find that communication assumes that the parent knows how things are run, therefore things are sometimes not explained clearly



The Governing Body are effective	
Strongly agree/ agree	Strongly agree/ agree
100%	0%



The leadership team are approachable	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
99%	1%



Did you know that...
EWPS has maintained accreditation of the International Schools Award for outstanding development of the international dimension in our curriculum?

The school keeps me well informed through the weekly newsletter. Thank you.

I would recommend this school to another parent	
Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree
100%	0%