



GOVERNORS REPORT TO PARENTS

2013 – 2014



Did you know we

- have been an Academy for a year and a half now
- have a mission statement which is: **“Like little seeds always aiming higher give grow and aspire.”**
- have one of the best outdoor learning environments in the borough, that is used frequently by the children
- have over 20 school clubs run by various teachers and other agencies
- over 50 children studying musical instruments and singing in our choir
- have an active school council staffed by the children who contribute ideas towards how to run the school
- 98% of our parents say their child is happy and enjoying school.
- We have a very successful and popular nursery class (Acorn class) which prepares the children very effectively for main school.



Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers;

We have now completed a full academic year as an Academy and the Governors felt it was important to report to you on what the school has achieved in 2013 – 2014.

It has been a busy year and we have highlighted for you the schools successes and achievements academically practically and on curriculum enrichment.

At the end of our report we have also listed for you what the school will be concentrating on for next year.

We hope you find this document informative and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask via the school office. In the meantime have a wonderful summer.

We look forward to welcoming your children back in September and wish all of our Year 4 leavers every success in the future and hope that they will achieve everything that they aspire to be.

Liz Arden
Chair of Governors

Academic success



Due to good and outstanding teaching throughout the year and the children working hard our standards have risen significantly

sustaining an upwards trend for the last three years at the end of KS1 (years 1 and 2) and Year 4. This means the children are achieving above expectations for all schools nationwide.

Pupils in EYFS (reception) made outstanding progress across their first year in school and by the time our Year 4 pupils leave this year, they will be almost two terms ahead of their peers nationally

In summary our children have achieved above national expectations in reading, writing and maths!

Well done everyone!

Practical Achievements



- The School has successfully negotiated and carried out the construction of the new Conifer Class building which will open fully in September 2014
- A new pirate ship piece of play equipment has been constructed on the reception /acorns play area which has proved very popular with the children
- Various improvements to the outside areas have been carried out (upgrading of the reception playground , the three little pigs area , Values sculpture

- Increased covered areas for parents and a buggy park.
- The school catering facilities are being upgraded and expanded to meet the extra demands of free school meals for all Key stage one children
- We are constantly monitoring the state and condition of the school and the flat roofs over the year 4 classrooms were replaced this year as well

Curriculum Enrichment in School



We asked each year group what they felt had been a success this year

Reception and Acorns - We have made sure we have high expectations in our planning which means we've increased the number of pupils leaving Early Years with a good level of development. We've enjoyed great walks in the woods, a trip to Gulliver's Land. We've also enjoyed our weekly Yoga Sessions.

Year 1 - Fabulous school visits to Sacrewell farm, Tesco and walking in the woods on Goldington Green. Children have been enthused by growing their own fruit and vegetables in the classroom, (and the monster in the bush

outside Walnut class!!) Dunster house donated a summer house after receiving letters written by Mrs Moore and the Year 1 children.

Year 2 - wonderful visit to Warwick Castle which enhanced the Knights and Castle topic, the children have enjoyed using their numeracy and literacy challenge boxes and have worked very well together as a team this year

Year 3 – Multicultural Week was very successful with the children participating in a series of workshops and they have also been part of a number of music and art festivals. The Key Stage sports day as part of health and fitness week was also really enjoyed by the children.

Year 4 – The trips to Caythorpe and France are always a highlight and this year was no exception. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Duxford to back up their topic and study of World War 2



Curriculum Enrichment outside school

Our pupils have taken part in many activities throughout the year with many winning awards for their endeavours, the events include:

- Music festivals
- Multi sports festivals
- Bedfordshire Festival of Music Speech and Drama
- Bedford Junior Public Speaking Competition

- Drama productions
- Concert at Mark Rutherford
- Dance performances
- Kinetic Vibes dance Club
- Multicultural week
- Year 4 swimming
- Mark Rutherford students have run multi sports clubs in tennis ,football and rounders, supported dance workshops and Dance Club

None of these events could take place without the dedication and commitment of all the school staff and parent volunteers and the Governors would like to thank everyone involved

- To implement the new curriculum and to develop our Big Write scheme (ask your children to tell you what this is) to ensure our children become confident and successful writers
- To continue to raise attainment in Maths to match current literacy attainment targets
- To integrate Conifer class into the school and to move towards the transition to Primary and to increase the nursery provision at the school by incorporating Little Saplings.

The Governors of Goldington Green Academy

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Next year's Priorities



We have 6 priorities which the Governors have identified as areas that the school needs to work on next year these are:

- That all pupils including those with special needs make at least good progress (,measured by national standards) from their respective starting points
- To continue to close the Pupil Premium Gap for some of our groups of children through effective strategies
- To maintain and improve the quality and consistency of teaching so that by July 2015 at least 95% is securely good and 30% is outstanding