

Governors' Newsletter – Summer 2022

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As another school year draws to a close, we the governing body of West Park first and foremost would like to say a huge thank you to the children, all staff and of course yourselves as parents/guardians for what has been a hugely successful school year, post covid. It's certainly not been an easy journey with us all having to navigate a new normal but the children have bounced back with passion, enthusiasm and a never-ending can-do attitude which is absolutely wonderful to see.

We have been blessed with opportunities this year to get back into the school and see the children back in action and quite deservedly showing off their brilliant work and achievements. Whether that's been showing off their skills playing a new instrument or their amazing Art from art week, I think we can all agree, it's easy to take these opportunities for granted until it's taken away like it was during covid.

As PE governor I was personally thrilled to see school Sports Days back in the diary and after several years of restrictions it was great to be sat back on that field cheering the children on and listening to Mr Choate commentate those events like he was auditioning for the BBC. The days were packed with drama and the children ALL did so amazingly well with every single one of them doing their best with some wonderful support from their fellow pupils. I did get slightly unnerved however when I saw the space hoppers lined up thinking it may have been the new version of the parents race, but was able to breathe a huge sigh of relief when I quickly read through the packed agenda and saw the parent's race was cancelled for 2022..phew!

In other Sporting news I think it's only fair that I use this platform as an opportunity to Congratulate Miss Bishop, Mr Beaney and Mr Calvert in leading Team West Park in becoming champions of the legacy game's interschool athletics competition held at Worthing sports Centre in June. Children from years 3, 4, 5 & 6 took part in various sporting events however there is no doubt Team West Park dominated the relay sprint finals and the atmosphere in the West Park tent was electric. A huge well done & congratulations to all those children who participated and represented the school to the highest of standards.

As a school family we continue to welcome new children into the school, but I would like to say an especially warm welcome to our Ukranian families who are continuing to settle into the school really well. As expected, the existing children have welcomed those new pupils with open arms, overcoming language and cultural barriers to simply relish in the opportunity to make new friends. For our Ukranian families & children a huge hello & welcome! (Hello & welcome in Ukranian inserted here).

As I draw this newsletter to a close, I would like to wish all our Year 6 children a fond farewell and good luck as they start their journeys into secondary school. You will all be sadly missed by the teaching staff here at West park, but we know you are all destined for great things so dream big and aim high!

Whatever your plans this Summer, I would like to wish you all a very safe and peaceful time and we very much look forward to welcoming you all back in September for another fun packed and exciting year.

Kind regards,
Sarah Leadbeatter on behalf of the West Park Governors.

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