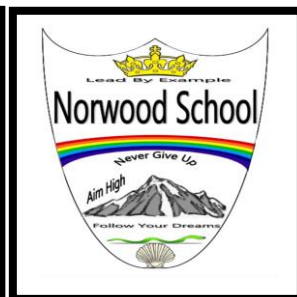


Norwood Primary School

Governors' Newsletter

Autumn 2015



Time Capsule Event

Below is a transcript of an interview with Year One school councillors: Amber and Byron. They are talking about the time capsule event:

Interviewer: Tell us about the time capsule event

Byron: Mr Johnson had dug a hole and he gave us a chance for each of us to put some soil on top of the time capsule using a spade.

Amber: All of the school councillors had a turn and the time capsule got buried under the soil.

Interviewer: Whereabouts is the time capsule buried?

Amber: Do you know where the fruit and school garden is? It's buried there.

Byron: There is a special rose now where the time capsule has been buried.

Interviewer: What went into the time capsule?

Amber: All the things that tell you about Norwood School, like a T shirt with the school logo on it.

Byron: Our class poem went into it

Amongst other activities in which children were involved to celebrate Norwood's 40 Years were designing a school logo, making bunting, writing letters to school children in Africa and having a special assembly to mark the occasion. Governors were pleased to be invited and involved in the Time Capsule Event and we shared this experience with some of the pupils of Norwood's School Council, who lead us out to the garden where the capsule was to be buried. Members of the council carried the capsule and gently laid it into the hole previously dug by Mr Johnson. Each pupil then had the opportunity to fill the hole back up and the time capsule was secure in the ground for future generations to find and enjoy. A Plaque was placed at the site with a Rose to mark the spot on the site of the capsule.

Governor Visits

During this academic year Governors will be continuing their monitoring visits at Norwood as part of their role in setting the school's vision and strategic direction. These visits usually involve meetings with members of staff, conversations with children and time spent in classrooms with the purpose of learning more about both the curriculum and other important aspects of school life such as the School Council and school meals. Records of these visits are shared and help to set up a dialogue between members of staff and the Governing Body.

Puffin Crossing

Governors are pleased to note that the new Puffin crossing has now been installed at the top of Elter Walk with the aim of increasing and ensuring the safety of pupils at Norwood and their families.

Governor Priorities for 2015/2016 --- The Governing Body priorities for 2015/16 include a focus on Governor visits into school to cover various remits from school lunch provision to progression of standards across the curriculum. We have also created a strengths and development document which will focus the Governing Body's attention on these areas. We also wish to engage with the school community much more this year, so watch this space! Having recently re-constituted we are confident that the new structure will allow us to be more pro-active within school.

Governors' Award

Each term the Governors choose a particular area of the school curriculum for which a challenge is set and a prize awarded. This term it has been decided to focus on Art in Key Stage One and in Key Stage Two. Details of what this will entail will be published at a later date.

Norwood School's Governing Body

Warren Fenwick-Parent Governor/Chair	Neil Gavin-Vice Chair-Parent Governor
Annie Gill- Co-opted Governor	Elizabeth Jackson- Authority Governor
Mary Locke-Staff Governor	Lisa Andrews-Parent Governor
Karen Young-Co-opted Governor	Deborah Reynolds-Head teacher/Staff Governor [Ex-officio]

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