

# West Twyford Primary School Newsletter

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## End of Year Message from Mr Shapland

We have come to the end of the year and it's time to look back before school closes for a well-deserved summer break. I am very pleased with how the year has gone and there have been many things to celebrate. In September we had our Ofsted inspection (the first for 5 years), which was extremely successful. Not only did we retain our good rating but it was also clear that we are a *very good* school. The report was extremely positive and it captures the reality of life at West Twyford. It states: 'Pupils enjoy learning and look forward to coming to school. Relationships between staff and pupils is very positive. Staff are kind and caring and pupils are safe here. There is a calm atmosphere around the school and pupils behave well'.

We are expecting some changes in the inspection system in the next few years but I am quite sure that we will meet any new challenge. Indeed there have been some wonderful developments. Our new OPAL project at playtime and lunchtime has been very popular and it is wonderful to see children having fun dressing up, colouring and drawing with chalks and playing with toys. I am excited about how we will take this forward next year. We have continued our great strength in music with our choir performing in Birmingham at a national festival. There have been other wonderful events such as our creativity week, success for our sports teams, a terrific performance by our new musical theatre groups and the marvelous Peter Pan by our year 6. We have also had exciting trips and in school performances from Tabla and Japanese Taiko drumming. It certainly has been a year to remember.

Of course school is about learning and I am delighted to say that again West Twyford goes from strength to strength. 92% of our year 1 children achieved the required standard in phonics this year and our year 6 have achieved brilliant results with 78% achieving the standard in reading and 94% achieving in maths (this is the highest we have ever had and will certainly be one of the best results in the borough). Congratulations to year 6! These results and the examples of great learning all over the school happen because of our wonderful staff and the effort that they make everyday and I want to thank them for all their hard work.

I also want to thank you for all your support. School always works best for children when parents and school work together. It has been lovely seeing you at school events such as: parents' evenings, our music concerts, fireworks, summer fair and I have very much enjoyed seeing you on the school gate. Please remember that we are here to discuss any issues of concerns, we may not be able to see you immediately but will happily make appointments; our doors are always open.

As we end the year it is time for changes and I want to thank all the staff leaving us this year for everything they have done for West Twyford. I particularly want to thank Ms Collum and Ms Ahmed who have been such great supports to the school over their time here. We will have a new team in place for September (children have already met Miss Archer our new Deputy Head and our lovely four new teachers) and I am confident that the school will continue to grow, develop and improve.

I wish you all a happy and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing all our children back in school on **Tuesday 3rd September at 8.45am**. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Matthew Shapland, Headteacher

## Sports Day Winners!

Year 3: Leon, Yussuf, Jad and Adama, Ruby  
Year 4: Jade, Joud, Omarion, Zainab, Amir and Fatima  
Year 5: Nevan, Aayan, Amir, Sophie, Adam H and Mira  
Year 6: Dorian, Ahmad, Ryiah, Lily, Yahya and Abdulhai

## Chess Club Winners!

Well done to all those who have competed in our popular chess club this year.  
Champions: Ella, Neymar, Nora and Siar  
Runners up: Layana, Alieza, Jun, Kadijah and Moataz

## Role Models of the Year

Well done to the following children for their outstanding learning and behaviour in school this year!

**Behaviour Award:** Aselle & Sara (Year R), Haneen & Hannah (Year 1), Mohamed & Rustin (Year 2), Hajira & Elena (Year 3), Layla & Maria (Year 4), Daria & Bahar (Year 5), Omar & Isaiah (Year 6)

**Learning Award:** Isith & Parsa (Year R), Akram & (Year 1), Adasu & Sayan (Year 2), Fuad & Gurnoor (Year 3), Tim & Amal (Year 4), Erbion & Neymar (Year 5), Ryiah & Lamar (Yr6)