

The Governing Body

Brookland Junior School and Brookland Infant and Nursery School



Creating opportunities, supporting aspiration, striving for excellence

Spring Newsletter

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The Governing Body continues to work very closely with the Headteachers and staff to achieve our aims for the schools. Both schools have accomplished a lot already this year and there is a busy term ahead.

Headteacher Recruitment

As you will have seen in a separate letter, the Governing Body has appointed Brenda McCafferty as the new Headteacher for the Infant and Nursery School starting from September. This has been a smooth process from beginning to end and we would like to thank the Headteacher Recruitment Panel, with special thanks to Sara Gibbins.

School Budgets

The Governors have approved the 2013-14 budgets for both schools. Thanks to both Headteachers, the Finance Committee and especially Katie Attwood for all their hard work on this mammoth task. Unfortunately, Barnet no longer gives Brookland any money for our swimming pool. We are very lucky to have a swimming pool on site for all pupils to use and unless we make up our shortfall with parent contributions we might have to look at closing it next year.

Governor Training

Our Governing Body, both as a whole and as individuals, has undertaken many Training and Development opportunities this year. We have ongoing information relayed to us from Barnet and The Department of Education so as to keep up to date with continuing improvements and changes in our education system as well as best practice for learning, assessment and management. This helps us to carry out our important role of providing support where necessary. One particular training that the Governing Body underwent was the new OfSTED Framework. This will help both schools to prepare for any upcoming OfSTED inspections.

Curriculum Tea

In January a number of governors hosted a joint Infant and Junior school curriculum tea. Subject leaders, governors and other staff were given the opportunity to discuss and share details of the ongoing curriculum development.

The School Websites

Both the Junior and the Infant Schools along with the Governing Body and the Communication Committee have worked very hard to bring the websites up to date. More information is available on them regarding all aspects of school and family life than ever before. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding our school websites please contact the Chair at the e-mail address below.

Getting in Touch

The Headteachers would like to remind all parents and carers that if you have any concerns about any aspect of school life please do go and see them. They both operate an open door policy and are keen to deal with any issues as and when arise. In addition, if you have anything you want to discuss or share with the governors please contact the [Chair](#).