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Weekly Newsletter – September 16th 2016

'Learning together, Respecting each other, Success for all'

Weekly LRS Governors Focus

Over the coming term each of our hardworking and dedicated Governors will be writing an article in the newsletter to let you know a little bit about themselves and their role on the Governing Body.

Mr Sam Russell

Interim Chair of Governors

Chair of the Bushey St James Trust

Specialist Area: Recruitment, HR and Relationship Management

My family moved to Bushey when I was ten years old, and I attended Bushey Hall School (now the Bushey Academy) for all of my secondary education. I then took a degree in European Politics at the University of Kent.

Today, I work as a Railway Manager, where amongst other things, I have worked on recruitment and people management. Previously I worked in Local Government, including a short time supporting colleagues in Schools and Social Care. This has given me some useful skills that I have been able to bring into my role as a School Governor.

I have been a School Governor for nearly 10 years, starting at Bushey Meads School. When

Bushey Meads and Little Reddings became the Bushey St James Academy Trust, I became an elected Bushey Meads Trustee. In August 2013, I took over as Chair of the Trust. At this time, we were in need of new Headteachers for both schools and I coordinated the process which resulted in the recruitment of Mr Turner and Miss Simmonds to the Trust.

In November 2014, Ofsted visited Little Reddings Primary School. They agreed with Miss Simmonds that the school needed to make a number of changes in order to meet our ambition of being an outstanding school.

Central to this was Governance at the school, which needed to be brought up to date with the latest requirements. As part of this, a number of experienced Bushey Meads Governors joined the school on an interim basis to provide clarity and direction as we recruited a number of new, committed Governors. As Chair of the Trust, I took over as the Interim Chair of Governors at this point.

Soon, Ofsted will visit the school again. What they will find is a school which is transformed from just two years ago. Under Miss Simmonds' leadership, the school continues to make improvements across the board. This year, with a number of new, committed and experienced staff joining our excellent existing team, the school is poised to make further steps forward.



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For the Governing Body, we now have a team of innovative and committed individuals who bring a vast range of skills which, together, mean that we are now able to fulfil our core role as a critical friend to the school, scrutinising the policy and direction of the school, analysing and challenging results and, crucially, supporting Miss Simmonds and her Senior Leadership Team as we continue along the path towards outstanding.

I am very lucky indeed to work with a fantastic Board of Governors and to see the tremendous efforts made by staff, parents and children every day is inspiring. Together, all the Governors are dedicated to supporting everyone to make Little Reddings the best place for all of our children: learning together, respecting each other, success for all.

Sam Russell



Staff Development

Staff at school are constantly seeking to improve their practice and outcomes for children. We need to keep up to date with changes in education and develop our skills to aide school development.

We receive in-house and external training from Hertfordshire, the Wroxham Learning Alliance and PiXL to name just a few. We are also lucky enough to be one of a handful of Hertfordshire schools to be

taking part in the Primary Writing Project which starts next week.



PiXL (Partners in Excellence) are a collaboration of over 1300 schools across the UK and abroad, who share a common goal to raise standards and inspire students, through purposeful and vibrant conferences, networks, training opportunities and sharing online resources.

PiXL was founded in 2008 by its current chair Sir John Rowling, a former teacher with 40 years teaching experience, 19 of which as a high performing Headteacher. The PiXL Club comprises, primary and secondary schools, as well as sixth form colleges, international schools, and Pupil Referral Units.



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PiXL aims to support the promotion of excellence for pupils. One of the strategic approaches PiXL promote within every day teaching is through effective use of data to sharpen the focus on the key gaps in students learning, and then the implementation of specific personalised intervention for each student to enhance standards.

PiXL
partners in excellence

We are hoping to see the positive effects of PiXL this year with our Year 6 pupils and then to use its magic across Key Stage 2. Watch this space!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

RECEPTION CHILDREN

Thursday 22nd – Watford Observer will be here to take 'First Day of School' photograph for the paper.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Year 1 = Finley W-H & Mansoor J
Year 2 = Evie M & Nathan Herogues
Year 3 = Sofia M & Rafael F
Year 4 = Jack M & Olivia W-H
Year 5 = Zack C & Chelsie S
Year 6 = Luke D & Jake W-H



WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1 = Lexi M & Giulia S
Year 2 = Safeer K-T & Adrian O-E
Year 3 = Danny A
Year 4 = Sheani Z & Ellie-May Z
Year 5 = Derek-John B & Noa H
Year 6 = Leo F-C & Sia H

Attendance

Class	Percentages
Rosen	95.8
Donaldson	95.8
Ahlberg	98.0
Milne	94.8
Browne	98.6
Hoffman	96.5
King-Smith	96.3
Walliams	95.9
Dahl	97.0
Simon	98.3
Morpurgo	95.3
Horowitz	94.2
Pullman	99.2
Blackman	95.7
Rowling	91.2

Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance

