

July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to return to a “normal” school life, and for the children to enjoy school trips, clubs and to perform in end-of-term school plays – with families in attendance. As governors, we have been able to resume our school visits, making us realise how much we missed these opportunities to see education in action at Pinner Wood over the past two years.

While I wish we could turn the page on the pandemic months, we continue to see and feel the impact of these. A lot of the school efforts remain focussed on wellbeing and pastoral support for the benefit of the children, our staff and community. We are proud to see how the practice of Oracy throughout the school is giving our children the means and confidence to discuss and express how they are feeling.

Another topic close to the Governing Body’s heart is Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Workshops were held in January for parents, governors and staff to get together and define what this means for the school. Projects that have run this year include being more representative of Pinner Wood’s diverse community, as well as the world and society around us, across the range of books and texts available and within the curriculum. Pupils have also fed back the importance for displays across the school to showcase both appreciation and respect for the best works from all children. And for the quieter voices within our community, work is happening to ensure appropriate lines of communication are in place. We look forward to more collective input to expand this work beyond the academic year.

As the year draws to a close, we want to celebrate the achievements of all the children, whether they sat their phonics and SATs this year or applied themselves to learning and catching up: we are very proud of your efforts, progress and results. We also wish the very best to all our Year 6 pupils who are leaving Pinner Wood and stepping into the world of secondary education. We say goodbye to Mr Williams, who has been with Pinner Wood for 12 years, and has served on the Governing Body for the past two years as Staff Governor. Mr Williams was instrumental in putting technology in the classrooms. We wish him the very best of luck in his future endeavours.

We also want to thank Emma Quirke, who steps down as Chair of Friends of Pinner Wood (FPW), for all her work leading the Association, building the school community, and raising funds for the benefit of the children. Emma, I hope you take a lot of pride in all that FPW has accomplished.

Wishing you a safe and happy summer holiday.

Ophélie Barbet  
Chair of Governors

*To find out more about the Governing Body, what we do, our plans and our committees, please visit the school [website](#) or get in touch via our email address [governors@pinnerwood.co.uk](mailto:governors@pinnerwood.co.uk)*