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Malvern Way News

From Mrs Cole

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As part of our ongoing drive for improvement, we were visited by our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner in early March. The focus for her visit was to establish the quality of leadership across the school as well as a focus on pupil standards. During this visit she met with Mrs Young (Inclusion Leader), Mr Reid and Mrs Linfield (Year 2 and 1 Leaders) and Mrs Gregg & Mrs Venn in their subject leader roles (Music and RE). Additionally an interview took place with our Chair and Vice Chair of Governors to ensure leadership at all levels was outstanding. The outcome of the visit was that our school continues to be Outstanding. The report provided notes that:

Leadership at all levels has developed effectively and is judged to be outstanding. Leaders work with drive and ambition to promote a culture of high expectations. All staff are committed to on-going school improvement as well as their own professional development. There is no complacency. Staff reflect on the way they teach and innovate to promote improvements.

Governors are effective in holding the school to account and are regularly involved both in formal as well as regular informal opportunities for monitoring. Governors monitor the spending of the sports premium and pupil premium funding at sub-committee level and track the progress of groups that have been falling behind.

Pupils are confident and engaged in their learning at all ages across the school. They are proud of their achievements and want to improve further. Pupils are able to discuss and articulate their learning and they understand that education equips them with the skills and attitudes necessary for success in later life.

Malvern Way is an outstanding school as a result of highly effective leadership, strong teaching and exemplary attitudes to learning by all children.

The school's ethos and thoroughly embedded approach to Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural education, provides the children at the school with a culture that promotes physical well-being, emotional resilience and personal safety.

Pupils, staff and governors are rightly proud of their school.

I feel enormously privileged to lead Malvern Way School. The report is absolutely right – there is no complacency here – every member of staff daily goes above and beyond what is expected of them to deliver an education to our children which is second to none.

Welcome Back Mrs Ineson

Mrs Ineson is returning to us on Monday following her maternity leave joining Mrs Coyne in Robin class.

Parents of this class have been informed of the routine moving forward. I would like to express my thanks to Mrs Butcher who took on class responsibility for Robins, while retaining her workload as the Deputy of our school. I can tell you from personal experience this was no mean feat! I am sure the parents of Robin class will join me in expressing thanks to both Mrs Butcher and Mrs Coyne for their hard work as Robin class teachers.

Reminder to parents

Our school equipment is not to be used before or after school. This reminder has been given to all of the children. This rule extends to younger siblings and includes the no scooting in school rule which ensures the safety of the large numbers of people on our premises at the beginning and end of the day.

Can I also ask that particularly around the Reception and Nursery areas we are all mindful that this can be congested and show consideration to others using the space. At times, parents with pushchairs find it difficult to manoeuvre around these areas.

West End in Schools

As part of our continued focus on the Arts, we enjoyed 2 days of dance and movement workshops led by Mairi from West End in Schools. Every class took part in a session focused around Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. As well as learning a



routine, children were developing their own sections of the dance. On Thursday afternoon we shared our dances to the whole school. While each Year 2 class shared their dances separately, our Year 1 and Reception children shared their dance as groups. I had my doubts but all 90 children shared the space and performed their routine like West End stars! The staff did not miss out and enjoyed a 3 hour workshop on Wednesday afternoon. I am looking forward to seeing how dance develops at our school.

Carnival at Malvern Way

Tuesday and Wednesday this week saw Samba come to Malvern Way as our Year 1 classes enjoyed 2 days of Carnival. Mrs Linfield and her team had prepared a number of activities which included tie dye t-shirts, food technology and dance. Mrs Kemp ensured the theme was followed at lunchtime with a change to our usual menu and Mrs Keuser ensured the dining hall was decorated with a Carnival feel. We had a spot visit from Herts Catering Limited and the representative was impressed (and slightly bemused) to see our school cooks in full Carnival swing! On Wednesday the children enjoyed a Samba Drumming workshop. Although it was loud, the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the instruments and the techniques required.



Science Day



On Thursday, Mrs Bartram organised our first Science day encompassing the theme of change. The day began with an assembly led by one of our parents, Mrs Batchelor who is an Engineer and also a STEM ambassador. Staff and children really enjoyed exploring the Science Selfies so thank you to all who sent one in.



A visit from the Fire Engine

Our Reception children had a visit from Mr Horton who works in the fire service and was able to bring in his fire engine. The Reception children enjoyed finding out all about the features of the vehicle and exploring it inside.



Park and Stride Day

Thank you to all of our families who supported our Safer Parking Event last week. All local schools agree that it was a success and has raised awareness of safer parking to the local area.



Head Teacher Awards

Bumble Bee: Gabrielle, Isabella, Katherine

Rabbit: Emily L, Violet, Olivia, Emmy,
Emily F, Kush, Ava B, Caitlyn

Squirrel: Kiitan, Marisa

Owl: Harry A, Rebecca, Emily

Badge Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who have received a badge since our last newsletter:

Being Independent Learners ~ Angelo, Edward, Abigail, Emily, Ardam, Kayden, Courtney, Evie, Rory, Sophia, Margaret, Isaac

Being a Good Friend ~ Beatrice, Ollie, Alice, James, Amelia, Haroon

Good Listeners ~ Max, Thomas, Scarlett, Amy, Skye, Aamina, Emaan, Max

Kind & Thoughtful ~ Sophie, Tudor, Brodie, Millie, Anisa, Ira

Polite ~ Jensen, Lara

Care Of The Environment ~ Daniel, Wiktorija, Emily, Joshua, Aldona, Edie, Emily, Ruby