



The Kenn & Kenton Federation



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Governor Newsletter – Spring 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to everyone, hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and look forward to the challenges ahead for 2014!?

As a newly federated governing body we are pleased to have had a successful first term. Since our last newsletter we have welcomed Jane Lewis onto the governing body as the elected parent from Kenn. That completes our membership and the details of personnel and sub committees can be seen overleaf.

We have made great headway in developing as a federation and plans for the future include an amalgamated football team, collaborative working of teachers and joint school visits by members of the governing body. All of these initiatives offer many advantages for the children and staff, permitting greater access to tournaments, sharing of skills and resources and a wider, objective view to facilitate and optimise the learning environment for all children. The term ended with enthusiastic singing and Christmas performances from both Kenn and Kenton and many congratulations to all the children and staff for their incredible hard work in making these events so successful and enjoyable!

The dry bit.....sorry, but we'll keep it short! The nitty gritty of the last term saw us working with both schools improvement plans (SIP), identifying the coming years priorities and objectives. The parallel agenda of both schools was highlighted by the extent of similarities in priorities within the SIP and governor visits will take place across the federation linked to the specific targets within the SIP. In addition we worked with existing school policies and began to amalgamate them as they came up for review which remains an ongoing process. Dry bit done!

We are delighted to say that the Spring term starts with both schools being involved in the 'Be the Best You Can Be' program. It will launch week commencing 20th January. The program is part of the Olympic 2012 legacy aiming to inspire and support young children to achieve their dreams and goals. We are delighted to welcome Craig Figes, captain of the men's water polo team for London 2012, who will visit both schools and talk to all the children on Monday 20th January. The rest of the week will involve activities and experiences to inspire the children in as many different ways as possible. We are very excited about this program and look forward to hearing what the children have enjoyed about it.

Enjoy the Spring term and let's hope the rain stops soon!!

Kenn & Kenton Federation Governing Body 2013/14

The Governing Body's work is split between 2 Committees – Teaching & Learning Committee and Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee (known as FPP). Each Governor serves on one of the Committees, the Headteachers serve on both Committees.

Mr Neil Swait	Headteacher - Kenn	All Committees
Mrs Amanda Somerwill	Headteacher – Kenton	All Committees
Rev John Williams	Foundation Governor	T & L
Dr Barry Cripps	Foundation Governor	FPP
Mrs Jan Caig	Local Authority – Chair of Governors	T & L
Mrs Julie Gibbs	Co-opted - Non parent	T & L
Mrs Carol Smith	Co-opted - Non parent	FPP
Mrs Jan Brown	Co-opted - Non parent	FPP
Mrs Leigh Mansfield	Elected - Parent	T & L – Chair of T&L
Mrs Nicola Amos	Co-opted - Parent - Vice Chair of Governors	FPP
Mrs Jane Lewis	Elected - Parent	FPP
Mr Warren Knight	Co-opted – Parent	FPP – Chair of FPP
Mrs Sandy Martin	Elected – Staff - Kenn	T & L
Mrs Linda Baker	Co-opted – Staff - Kenton	T & L
Mrs Heather Spackman	Clerk to Governors	All Committees

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