

Newlyn School Governor Newsletter



Summer 2022



Hello! Welcome to our newsletter which tells you what the governors have been doing over the past few months at Newlyn School.

You can find out who we are and what we look like on the school website. Currently there are 9 of us (10 with the Headteacher) and we share out different responsibilities between us to help make Newlyn School the best it can be for your children. Our role is to support the Head in making the right decisions for the school.

Our governing body is made up of:

The Chair who leads the meetings and supports the Headteacher throughout the year.

Two Vice Chairs who support the Chair in her role.

Community Governors which have no other link other than an interest in governance and the school.

Parent Governors who have children at Newlyn School.

Staff Governors who work at the school.

Things were all online during the pandemic so it has been great to get back into school since Easter to meet the teachers and have our meetings in person.

We get to see the school and the children in action which we LOVE!

What have we been doing over the past academic year??

- **We Monitored different areas of school life** and looked at the plans that are in place to help the children achieve to the best of their ability. This includes looking at different subjects and also things like attendance, behaviour, SEND Provision and safeguarding. We chat to members of staff and also look around the school.

- **We held in person and online governor meetings.** We monitored the finances of the school, the curriculum, staffing and staff/pupil wellbeing in order to make informed decisions with the headteacher. We also read and approved lots of policies which are there to keep the school running and your children safe.

This past term:

- **We Looked at the Art curriculum** and saw how the works of art loaned to the school by Newlyn Art Gallery; as well as the visit by a professional artist have really inspired the children to produce amazing art work.
- **We looked at Reading, PE, Maths and EYFS** – which are all progressing really well.
- Our SEND governor did a detailed **audit of our Special Needs Provision** which identified how much help and support our children get.
- We helped with the **SATS for Year 6** confirming that none of the papers had been previously opened prior to the tests.
- We did some **training** on how to support the school during an OFSTED visit.
- We carried out a **Skills Audit and Self Review** so that we can see which skills we have on the governing body and where we need training to learn new skills.

We really enjoy our roles as governors and rest assured that our top priorities are always the provision of a high quality education for all and the welfare of every child at the school.

We look forward to meeting some of the children later on in the term and we welcome any questions or feedback from parents about any area of governance. You can e-mail us via reception or write a paper note in a clearly marked envelope given in at reception.