

# Wildmoor Heath School Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## Mayor's Visit

It was a pleasure to welcome the Mayor of Bracknell Forest, Councillor Mrs Tina McKenzie-Boyle and her Consort, Councillor Bruce McKenzie-Boyle to the school today. They joined us in assembly for 'Star of the Week' certificates and the Mayor acted as our 'returning officer' for the School Council elections by reading out the results and handing out the newly elected councillors' badges of office. Afterwards, the Mayor toured



the school and saw the children in class learning. This included an Impromptu rendition of 'happy birthday' to one of our Year R children (not to mention the chance to wear the Mayor's chain of office!!)

## School Council Elections

A great number of children wanted to be School Councillors and every one of them had to produce a manifesto and make a speech to their potential constituents about what they wanted to achieve in office. The standard was very high and elected or not they showed great courage in standing. I hope that the experience of voting – and participating as candidates – will inspire them not only to regularly vote when they are older, but to take an active part in our democracy too. Those elected to serve as School Councillors for 2017-18 are:



**Ward 1:** Daisy Foster (Y1), Lydia Gibson - Moore and Harley Dunn (Y2);

**Ward 2:** Sadie Ellis (Y3), Henly Higginson and Joe Hart (Y4);

**Ward 3:** Leo Ellis, Alannah Coates (Y5) and Daniel Summersell (Y6);

My congratulations to all of them and I look forward to being invited to a council meeting very soon.

## Greenshaw Learning Trust (GLT)

Thank you to all those who attended the consultation meetings on Thursday – we held two well-attended and positive parent meetings as well as one for staff. We had a wide range of questions for both governors and the members of the GLT team on the panel. Topics ranged from the financial benefits of joining a multi-academy trust (MAT), to the range and quality of services offered and to whether the school's name, uniform, hours or curriculum would change (no!). Questions were also raised about admissions and transition to Edgbarrow and we were pleased to reassure parents that we have been told by Bob Elsey directly that there is no plan to change the current arrangements. In any case, school places will still be allocated by Bracknell Forest Council and Multi Academy Trusts (MATs), like local authority schools, still have to adhere to the national admissions code. Currently, MATs cannot give precedence to 'feeder schools' where it would seriously affect existing arrangements. This position has been backed by both the School Admissions Adjudicator and the courts. I can also assure parents that we will continue to work closely with Edgbarrow, particularly around transition. The consultation ends on 10<sup>th</sup> November, so there is still time to ask questions or give your views (e-mail [consultation@wildmoorheath.org.uk](mailto:consultation@wildmoorheath.org.uk)).



**Don't forget to return your data sheets! They are important! They must be in by the 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

## Dates for Your Diary

- 11 Oct 17 - Parents Evening (YR only)
- 13 Oct 17 - Harvest Festival (Y1/Y2) – 9am start
- 19 Oct 17 – BF Tag Rugby Festival (Y5/Y6)
- 20 Oct 17 – INSET Day / Half Term starts (School Closed)
- 27 Oct 17 – School reopens
- 10 Nov 17 – Armistice Day Observed (11am)
- 24 Nov 17 - Roots to Food (Years 3-6)
- 03 Dec 17 – BF Carol Concert (Leisure Centre)
- 12 Dec 17 – Christmas Concert (Y1 – Y6)
- 14 Dec 17 - Nativity (Year R)
- 15 Dec 17 - Christmas Dinner
- 19 Dec 17 - Peter Pan Panto Trip (YR/Y1)
- 19 Dec 17 - Last day of Autumn Term



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