



# ***Kells Lane Primary School***

*'broadening horizons for the future'*

## ***Governor Newsletter - Issue 5***

*We welcome you to this the fifth edition of the Governors Newsletter. We start by reminding everyone that these Newsletters are available on the school website - [www.kellslaneschool.org](http://www.kellslaneschool.org). Anyone who does not have access to the internet at home and would like to receive a copy to home should contact Mrs Lydia Heath, who will make the necessary arrangements.*

*We start this issue with a summary of the SAT results from both KS1 and KS2. All results in percentages.*

<b>Key Stage 1</b>				
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Whole</b>	<b>National</b>
<b>Speaking &amp; Listening</b>	100	97	98	96
<b>Reading</b>	100	89	96	84
<b>Writing</b>	96	91	93	80
<b>Maths</b>	100	90	95	89
<b>Science</b>	93	96	95	89

**Summary -** These tests are taken by our Year 2 children and show the percentage of children achieving a Level 2 or above. These results are really pleasing and as you can see from the data they compare extremely well against the national results. Congratulations to all the children and big thanks to the teachers for their efforts.

<b>Key Stage 2</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Level 4</b>	<b>Level 5</b>	<b>L4 +</b>
English	40	49	89
Maths	37	53	90
Science	42	53	95

**Summary -** At the end of KS2 it is expected that children will achieve Level 4 or above. The school are pleased with these results, especially the continued improvement in Maths. Whilst there has been a small reduction in the percentage of children reaching L4 and above there has however, been an increase in the number of children achieving a Level 5, so this is generally pleasing. The children have also achieved well in English and Science so big congratulations to them as they move to their chosen Secondary schools.

### **Message to ALL Staff**

**The Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire staff for all their hard work. We hope that you enjoy the holidays and come back fresh and raring to go in September.**

## Secondary School Admissions

We are now able to confirm the respective numbers transferring to the following Secondary schools:

- a) Lord Lawson 27;
- b) Joseph Swan 22;
- c) Emmanuel 9.
- d) Other 1

*Issue 6 will be published at the start of September.*

Kells Lane Park - In the last issue we reported how much time and effort the children and staff had put in to the project to re-develop the local park on Kells Lane. Therefore it was extremely disappointing that the Council News failed to mention this in their article and none of our children were pictured using the equipment they had helped to choose. The Governors will be expressing their disappointment to the Local Authority over the article.



### ***Governing Body - Announcements***

*Michael Hetherington has been elected as the new Vice Chair of Governing Body.*

*In the **autumn** term there will be an opportunity to join the Governing Body as current members' term of office, 4 years, will come to the end. These individuals can seek re-election but if you are interested then watch out for more information when school returns in September.*

*As reported in the last issue the school was short listed by the Times Educational Supplement's School Awards in the category of Outstanding Leadership. Mrs Hewitson, Miss Nagle and Michael Hetherington represented the school at the awards which were held at the Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, London. The event was hosted by Rory Bremner, over lunch on 9 June. Whilst we were not successful, it was pleasing that the school had been short-listed in such a prestigious event as it means we must be doing something right!!*

### ***e-Portfolio's***

The Governors are excited with these new style reports as they feel the photographs included better illustrate the individuality of the learning of the child during their year. We hope you were able to complete the feedback questionnaire.

***Newsletter Editor***

***Michael Hetherington for and on behalf of the Full Governing Body***

*Some Gentle reminders about School for when you return:*

## ***School Times***

***Morning Session commences with the ringing of the bell at 8:55***

***Lunch is at 12 noon***

***Afternoon session recommences at 13:00.***

***School day ends at 3:10 for KS1 and 3:20 for KS2***



*All parents and guardians are reminder that the school does have a uniform policy and children are expected to be dressed appropriately, as it plays an important role within school. You are asked to view the previous article in issue 4 for what is acceptable.*

*However, parents and guardians are reminder that jewellery is not allowed, so should you be considering allowing your child to have their ears pierced then this should be done early in the summer holidays so they can then be removed before returning to school.*

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## ***Coming Soon***

*In response to many requests from parents the school will be piloting an automated payment system in September. Initially we will be using the system to collect money for "school trips". Then we will introduce the system in stages to all other aspects of school commencing with Reception class dinner money. This system will allow parents and guardians to monitor payments and balances on*

*line. Obviously we will keep you informed as the system is introduced.*

## *Winmarleigh Hall*

*One of the most enjoyable trips that the pupils of KLP participate in is the trip to Winmarleigh Hall in Lancashire. This trip is available to Year 6 pupils and has historically been run in the first few weeks back to school in September. However, during the next school year we are going to try something a little different. Pupils returning to Year 6 in September will still attend at the normally arranged time in September and parents will already have received their invitation letters. However, at the end of the school year when the Year 6 pupils are visiting their chosen secondary schools we intend to send Year 5 pupils for their very own "transition week" which will allow them and their new teachers to get to know one another.*

*We feel that this is a better use of curriculum time and hope that this will become the new annual date for this visit. More information will be sent out once we get back in September.*

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## ***We save the last word for our 'graduates' and their parents/guardians.***

*The Governors would like to wish all our graduates well as they move to their chosen secondary schools and hope that you have enjoyed your time at Kells Lane and hope this leads to a successful future. To the parents and guardians we thank you for all the support you have shown the school during the last seven years. We hope your children have a successful transition into secondary school.*



*...and finally all that remains is to wish everyone an enjoyable summer break and we look forward to seeing you on, 8 September 2009, the first day of term*