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Dear The Lea Community

Here we are at the end of another academic year! It has been such a delight and honour for us to work alongside the staff team and our fellow board members, watching them rise to challenges and emerge on the other side stronger. Thank you all! We are proud of the way The Lea has maintained its remarkable, inclusive, diverse, family feel, all the while stretching and supporting its pupils.

Whilst much of what the Governing Board do is behind the scenes, we thought we'd take this opportunity to highlight a few of our brilliant team and their favourite moments from the year...

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to speak to students and staff during the Governor's Week earlier this year. I was impressed by the positive attitude from everyone and I am loving the Jubilee garden! Well done to everyone for finishing this year on such a high, you all showed fantastic resilience getting through another tough year with Covid. I wish you all a restful break and look forward to a calmer year ahead of us!

Dr Rachel Osborne (Co-Opted Governor & Safeguarding Link)

A particular highlight of mine was seeing how the year 4 children that I worked with progressed so much with their times tables as a result of the specific focus on them in the summer term (and in preparation for their test). Confidence with times tables will give the children a great base for the maths they will learn in Years 5 & 6 and beyond. *Paul Goodwin (Co-opted Governor)*

So proud of the school at the end of a very successful year. I'm especially impressed by the way you have balanced academic excellence with real care for children's emotional wellbeing and happiness. After a difficult couple of years this couldn't be more important. Hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Helen Nistala (Co-opted Governor, SEN & Pupil Premium Link)

Seeing the sense of pride and teamwork building around inter-school sports has been hugely encouraging. As more clubs and sports have been made available to all age groups, attendance levels have gone up and a healthy level of competition has been evident. Seeing this then translated on the sports fields has been great to watch with fantastic individual and team performances culminating in a very tight finish in the Small Schools Cup eventually seeing The Lea just pipped for first place.

Stephen Green (Parent Governor, Extra-Curriculum Link)



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I continue to be proud of The Lea, its achievements and the dedication of its staff to ensure every child is cared for, makes progress and has fun. I had the pleasure of attending a celebration assembly this year and enjoyed seeing the children's pride and enthusiasm as many sat in their wonderful Easter hats! Well done to everyone.

Kate Suddaby (Local Authority Governor, Subject Link)

This is the final time we will write to you as Chairs. With a collective 12 board years behind us and 4 years of co-chairing it is with no small amount of pride in the school that we prepare to step aside and hand over to a new chair and a wonderfully capable board. Our particular thanks must go to Mr Berry. He is always approachable, always willing to answer our many questions and always prepared with the seemingly never-ending paperwork required for board meetings. Whilst he strives to make the school successful, most importantly he cares for each child individually and seeks to make sure each one of them is helped to reach their potential.

Finally, thank you again for journeying with us and for making this school a well-loved community. We wish you a happy summer break; may it be healthy and restful!

Yours

Sharon Mansour
Co-Chair of Governors

Beth Featherby