

Frieth Governors' News

Developing potential without limitations

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THE OFSTED INSPECTION...

After a long wait we received the call from OFSTED on Tuesday 25th April, and they visited our school on Wednesday 26th April. It is always a nervous time for a school, but Mrs Reid and her staff were very well prepared for their arrival.

As we, the governors, anticipated the visit was a great success and the inspector was very impressed with our school, the staff and of course the children. We would like to share with you some the highlights of his visit:

Together, you, your staff and governors form a strong team who are passionate to improve the quality of provision at Frieth and ambitious for the pupils in your care.

The leadership team provide drive, vision and inspirational leadership which is recognised and highly valued by staff, pupils and parents.

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Very good relationships, together with calm and productive working environments, support pupils to make good progress.

There is a well-planned creative curriculum, together with a wealth of additional clubs and activities.

All of the teachers, teaching assistants, office staff and the school bursar have been working tremendously hard, and through the competent, inspiring and challenging leadership we had some wonderful feedback from the inspection team at the end of the day. It made the governors very proud and our thanks go out to Mrs Reid and all of the staff.

Leaders and governors have responded particularly well to the areas for Improvement identified during the previous inspection. You work well in partnership with other local schools and make good use of consultants and advice from the diocese and local authority. This enables you to actively seek and evaluate new initiatives and teaching approaches, implementing only those methods which would be most effective in your school. As a result, more sharply focused lessons and improved teaching have led to better outcomes for all groups of pupils across the school, particularly in reading and writing. Mathematics is improving rapidly. Staff morale is high.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you the parents. Without your help and time we would not have had the amazing new Gross Motor Skills area to show to the team with its newly decorated shed and fencing. The new library and IT resources we have also demonstrate clearly the level of support and care that you all provide.

Pupils and their parents were effusive in their praise for the school and are rightly proud of all that it achieves. As one parent commented, 'We had really high hopes for this school and Frieth has exceeded our expectations.'

Finally though, of course, our thanks goes to our remarkable children. They are a truly marvelous group of children who help to inspire our teachers to strive to give their best every day.

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