

Governor's End of Year Report 2018

We are coming to the end of what has been another very busy year for both of the schools in the Ladysmith Federation. Delivering education in the current climate of expectation from the Government with performance pressure on children and schools is no easy task and staff and children across both schools have responded well again. The task is made harder for both schools by the increased pressure on budgets; but again the response from staff, parents, children and volunteers has been enormous and this has had a huge impact on how the schools perform, especially regarding the environment in which the children learn. I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the work done by all those who have contributed towards this.

The Children Parents Teachers Together group has again put on really successful events which has enabled them to contribute a huge amount towards school projects. The OPAL play project could not have developed in the way that it has without their support, nor without the support and encouragement from staff and parents. The GROW project continues to improve the grounds of the Junior School and during this year has secured a hefty grant towards these improvements. We have also seen the development of sand play areas in both schools with volunteers helping to cart the sand around. The nursery has had a sorely needed interior redecoration and has been massively improved. I am sure that there are many other instances of volunteer support for the schools which I have not mentioned. None of these would have been possible without the support and goodwill of our dedicated staff, parents, children and other volunteers who are owed a great vote of thanks for their contribution towards the educational environment in which our children spend so much time. If you have not been involved in these projects but have some time to spare I am sure that your involvement would be welcomed.

I would also like to offer thanks to my fellow governors who are also volunteers and devote a considerable amount of their time for the benefit of the schools.

Finally I would like to wish all of the Year 6 children good luck with the next stage of their educational adventure. It is a big step and can be daunting; but an adventure for all that.

I hope everyone has a restful summer holiday.

Ian Gibson
Chair of Federation Governors