



## Issue 9



### St. Benedict's Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017

#### Governor Spot

Well, what a year we have had! So many people in checking what we are doing and so many positive outcomes. Governors have worked really hard and have supported school management in many difficult decisions. The future really does look bright for St. Benedict's.

We have also been lucky to recruit two new Governors; Mr Shaw and Ms Hanif will start the roles properly in September. We have one vacancy left now and if anyone is interested, please come to the school office for more information. From the whole Governing Board, we hope you have a lovely summer holiday.

#### LPPA

We are pleased to inform you that the school gained the Leading Parent Partnership Award for the second time. This award celebrates all the parents who take part in additional learning opportunities that the school provides. Thank you to all the parents who came in on the day of the assessment and spoke so positively about our school. We look forward to providing you with an equally exciting programme of opportunities next year. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Environmental

St Benedict's children have had a fantastic gardening year this year. We have been awarded many awards including a Community Education Award for Green Awareness, a grant towards our school gardening from Alpro and 2 weeks ago we successfully achieved our 5th Eco Schools Green Flag - the only school in Birmingham to have done this and the longest reigning green flag school in Birmingham! This is an amazing achievement and we are all very proud of our children's hard work looking after the gardens.

As well as this, we have been successful in our first year of selling produce to parents, staff and visitors and all the proceeds have gone in to school fund, to benefit your children. We hope to have a bumper crop next year, including apples, pears and grapes for sale in September!!

## Reception

Reception had a fantastic beach day! The children enjoyed the paddling pools, bouncy castle, toys, ice cream sundaes and popcorn making! They have enjoyed some lovely activities based on the day, for example writing a message in a bottle, making an advertising poster and seaside pictures. Reception staff would like to thank all the parents for their support this year and wish you all a peaceful summer holiday.

## Year One

What an end to a fantastic term in Year One! We have had a wonderful trip to Conkers and everyone has enjoyed learning new things about the outdoors, building on previous knowledge from our Eco park sessions. The children have enjoyed learning about weights and capacity in Maths. We have been learning how to write our very own persuasive text to encourage others to go to Conkers. We have also been looking at the artist William Morris and creating amazing artwork based on nature - the children's repeated patterns are fantastic!

Well done Year One and 'thank you' parents for your continued support. What a successful year we had!

## Year Two

A big 'thank you' to all the parents for supporting the children along their Year Two journey. It has been an enjoyable year leaving the staff and children with many memories. A big 'well done' to the children for their hard work throughout the year and for achieving great results. All the staff in Year Two wish you all the luck and success for your brand new chapter.

## Head Teacher's Message: -

**St. Benedict's has had an amazing year, culminating in a fantastic Ofsted report. We would like to thank all of you for your support and help, working in partnership with us to give your children the best start possible. To Year Two - we will miss you, but know you are fantastic young people with a lifetime of achievement ahead of you. To those remaining, we look forward to seeing you in September to help us shape the school's exciting future. Have a great summer!**  
**Armine Williams**