

A few words from Mr Roy Lewis – Chair of Governors

As governors we have worked hard over the last few years to improve our skills in challenging the Headteacher and being her 'critical friend' in order to support her and the team to raise standards across school. In order to do this we have attended training run by the Local Authority for governors, we have been given specific information/training on assessment, data analysis, curriculum design, immersive classroom environments and much more by the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher and some governors have met personally with Subject Co-ordinators to gain an insight into their responsibilities. Governors have been encouraged by the Headteacher to come into school and to drop into classrooms in order to see what is happening on a daily basis. Governors have also been invited to INSET days and events through-out the year. This has all helped to give us as governors a more in depth knowledge of the day-to-day running and management of the school. It has also enabled us to see what we hear at governors meetings in practice and talk to the children and staff.

We are extremely proud of the achievements made by both the children and staff during the academic year 2014-15. Kincaig Primary school continues to grow from strength to strength in 2015-16:

- In its academic achievements over the last 2 years, with children across school achieving the highest results since the school opened in 1997.
- All children in school for the last 2 years have made at least 1 sub level progress each year. No children have made no progress or gone backwards.
- We received a letter from RT Hon David Laws MP in January 2015 praising us on the achievements of our disadvantage pupil results and our use of Pupil Premium money.
- In February 2015 our Nursery had a visit from Sam Gyimah the appointed minister for the Department of Education, responsible for Early Years, Early Intervention and Childcare and local MP Paul Maynard, who both praised our wonderful provision and the impact that we were having on the children who were receiving Early Years Pupil Premium funding.
- Ever increasing pupil numbers on role.
- First school in Blackpool to be registered for educating pupils from 2 -11 years old.
- We have developed a broad and balanced curriculum showing a clear progression of skills from Nursery through to Year 6 which incorporates and focuses on all subjects.
- We have developed a wider range of extra-curricular activities.
- Our fantastic Immersive classroom environments 'have turned the world upside down', enabling staff to rethink the learning process inspiring and promoting independent learners who have a burning desire for the need and want to learn.
- We have promoted self confidence amongst our children and broaden their experiences and opportunities in order for them to succeed, thrive and prosper in modern Britain today.
- We have developed the school environment to be stimulating for the children including our wonderful multi-functional library and fantastic hall promoting British Values with a real focus on community and respect.

- Our Headteacher was nominated for Headteacher of the Year by our parents in the Blackpool Gazette Awards in December 2015. She was nominated for her holistic approach to the school and community as a whole and being prepared to go the extra mile to support not only children but parents too.
- In our Health and Safety Audit in 2015 we achieved the highest mark in Blackpool and other local schools have used some of our policies and procedures.
- We have recently taken part in a Safeguarding audit in which we scored very highly.

Areas from the school development plan we are focusing on as governors this year are:

- Ensuring the Immersive classroom ethos is embedded across school
- We are developing children as independent learners and thinkers
- Our new assessment system is embedded across school
- The continued development of reading across school
- The continued development of early number and the number strand of maths across school
- The quality of learning and provision across EYFS is outstanding
- OFSTED preparation

I know all the governors are extremely proud of our Headteacher and her team of dedicated staff who work tirelessly to provide our children with the best education in order for them to reach and exceed their own individual potential. In the recent INSET training our Headteacher asked teachers 'If a child could choose whether they came into your class today, would they come?' As I have been around the school and talked to the children I can whole heartedly answer this question with a resounding 'Yes'. All the children were happy and thriving and loved being in school and were hungry to learn.

I am very proud to be the Chair of Governors of such a forward thinking school where in the words of our Headteacher 'Children are at the heart of everything we do'.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roy Lewis', written in a cursive style.

Mr Roy Lewis
Chair of Governors