

Dear Parents

As the end of another school year approaches, I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on an extremely busy and productive year.

Firstly, on behalf of the governing body, I want to thank Mrs Sengupta for all of her hard work this year. It is hard to believe she has only been at Upland for two years. During that time she has made many changes which have improved Upland for your children. The Principal of Bexleyheath Academy, Mr Wakefield, recently visited the school and he praised the “vision, drive and leadership skills of the Headteacher”. I wholeheartedly agree!

We are fortunate that Mrs Sengupta is supported by a strong team of managers, teachers and support staff who have all worked tremendously hard this year. There is some outstanding teaching being delivered at Upland – and this has been recognised by both the local authority and Her Majesty’s Inspectorate (HMI).

Your children are a credit to Upland. I have received feedback from many visitors to the school who praise the good behaviour of the children. They are polite, respectful and are eager to learn. Whenever I visit the school, children from nursery to year 6 are keen to tell me about their learning and the progress they are making.

There have been many opportunities for the children this year – a quick glance at our website will give you a flavour of some of the exciting trips they have been on and some of the special curriculum days they have enjoyed in school. As one of our children said to a member of our local authority, “exciting things happen here”.

The governing body recently spent a day at Upland, reviewing our own effectiveness and planning for the future. We passionately believe we need to continue to drive improvements so that children at Upland receive the best possible education and opportunities. We will tell you more about how we plan to do that in the Autumn term.

Having identified several ways to improve what we do, we mustn’t forget how far we have already come. To quote Mr Wakefield again, “...what a massive difference from a year earlier! The whole look and feel of the school was so much more positive and with a real air of purposeThe visual appearance in particular had vastly improved since my last visit and the displays were, as Ofsted say, ‘outstanding!’”

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a lovely summer break.

Regards

Liz Dawes
Chair of Governors