

Governor Day

28 June 2016

All governors attended this year's governor day. The key aims this year were:

1. To review our successes and agree actions and improvements.
2. To spend time with the children - in classrooms, in the lunch hall and with the school council.
3. Meetings with senior leaders.
4. To ensure all governors understand their safeguarding responsibilities.

The day was very successful. Governors enjoyed in particular spending time with the children and hearing what they believe makes Upland a great place to go to school.

Highlights included:

- Children from across the school reading aloud to governors and sharing their love of books and reading.
- Seeing and hearing about children's progress in the classroom - hearing from the children what their learning objectives are, their success criteria and their own assessment of how engaged they are in their learning.
- Hearing all about the school council's achievements this year and seeing such confident speakers enthusiastically sharing their experiences and ideas.
- A presentation and discussion about progress in the foundation stage unit (nursery and reception classes)
- A presentation and discussion from a phase leader about their achievements and priorities.
- A sobering, but informative, presentation about the importance of safeguarding in schools.

It was noted that the National Association of Governors has recently published a revised "twenty key questions for governing boards to ask themselves" to help boards achieve and evidence strong governance. This formed a key part of our planning for continued improvement.