



Shaftesbury Park Primary School

Shaftesbury Update

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First of all, some changes...

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Ms Katie Hancock at the end of this term. Katie will be taking up a Headship in Oxshott at the Royal Kent C of E Primary School. Her contribution to the school in the four years that she has been here has been considerable, particularly in improving the tracking of pupil progress, leading the improvement in the quality of teaching and learning and developing the bilingual curriculum. Katie has been a huge asset to our school and she will be greatly missed! We wish her every success in her new post.

We have appointed an interim Deputy Head, Ms Michelle Sheahan, for the rest of the year whilst the Governing Body looks for a suitable replacement for September 2015. Ms Sheahan has previously been Deputy Head in schools in Kent and Leicester and is very experienced in mentoring and coaching staff and raising standards. Ms Sheahan will be in school most of next week so that we can ensure a smooth handover of responsibilities.

Meet our Governors!

School governors are members of a school's Governing Body. They have responsibility for raising school standards through their three key roles of setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability and acting as a critical friend. We have a mixture of parents, local authority representatives and members of the community on our governing body. Here you will find some information about our governors.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Type of Governor</i>	<i>Introduction</i>
<p><i>George Spencer</i></p> 	<p>Chair of Governors</p> <p>Co-opted Governor</p>	<p><i>My career has been in the insurance, construction and steel sectors and in management consulting. I have been a charity trustee and chair and have been a governor of Shaftesbury Park since 2006. I am married with two sons and two daughters and have lived locally for twenty years.</i></p>
<p><i>Charlotte Yorke</i></p> 	<p>Vice Chair of Governors</p> <p>Co-opted Governor</p>	<p><i>I have been a governor at Shaftesbury Park since 2010. I am the Vice Chair and I additionally chair the Curriculum Committee. I am also a link governor for Tigers class and for PHSCE. I am really excited by Shaftesbury Park's bilingual provision (I speak French and Russian myself). I am a civil servant and in my spare time I enjoy ballet dancing and theatre.</i></p>
<p><i>Guy Senior</i></p> 	<p>Local Authority Governor</p>	<p><i>Guy was first elected to Wandsworth Council in 1990 and has represented his local area ever since. In addition to his work for a financial services company in the city, Guy has held various leading roles in the Council, including being in charge of planning and leisure services, though he is currently in charge of roads and transport. Guy is also a director of Battersea Arts Centre.</i></p>

<p><i>Pat Taylor</i></p> 	<p><i>Co-opted Governor</i></p>	<p><i>I have been a Governor here for 8 years - my son used to attend the school - and a teacher for more than 20 years in both the state and independent sectors. As a SpLD (dyslexia) specialist I work at Shaftesbury Park one day a week and I am also an art psychotherapist, so my interests are in literacy and neuro-diverse learning.</i></p>
<p><i>Alison Melrose</i></p> 	<p><i>Co-opted Governor</i></p>	<p><i>I started my teaching career at Norland Place School before joining Broomwood Hall in 2000 and becoming the Head of the Lower School at Garrads Road in 2002. Since 2011 I have been the Director of Admissions for Broomwood Hall and Northcote Lodge. I became a governor at Shaftesbury Park in 2010 and always enjoy reading a story to the children when I come in to visit.</i></p>
<p><i>James Cousins</i></p> 	<p><i>Co-opted Governor</i></p>	<p><i>I've had a varied career, starting in the City. I've subsequently worked for as a consultant for the health service, councils, and police forces across the country and most recently as a manager for the NHS. I've been a governor at Shaftesbury Park for over eight years and am proud to now send my children here (in Zebras and Badgers). I'm the link governor for numeracy and have taken a leading role in the school's work on defining it's vision and mission.</i></p>
<p><i>Anthony Boon</i></p> 	<p><i>Co-opted Governor</i></p>	<p><i>I am a Wandsworth resident and parent of two. My interest in Shaftesbury Park School lies particularly in its quest to establish a bilingual stream as I have a bilingual (French and English language) background. In addition I find it interesting and rewarding to help the school's senior leadership team as it works for the good of the pupils and to do this through a committee where the Governors represent different people, from all walks of life all working towards one common goal.</i></p>
<p><i>Julie Walker</i></p> 	<p><i>Parent governor</i></p>	<p><i>I've been a parent governor for over 3 years. I've been lucky enough to spend time in classrooms and observe the methods of teaching which are so different to when I was at school. When I joined the governing body, my aim was to support the school whilst representing local parents' views. I've witnessed some amazing changes and improvements over the last couple of years that makes me proud to send my daughter to Shaftesbury Park (Turtles class).</i></p>
<p><i>Elena Hahn</i></p> 	<p><i>Parent governor</i></p>	<p><i>I have been a Parent Governor since 2011 as well as the link Safeguarding Governor. I work as a Safeguarding Children Trainer for the NHS and until last Summer I had all my three boys at Shaftesbury Park School. My oldest son is now attending secondary school but I still have one boy in Sharks and another one in Foxes</i></p>
<p><i>Aly Ganney</i></p> 	<p><i>Co-opted governor</i></p>	<p><i>I became a co-opted Governor almost 18 months ago and I am the Governor linked to the bilingual stream. I am also a parent at the school as I have a daughter in the bilingual stream in Year One (Badgers class).</i></p>
<p><i>Patrick Montgomery</i></p> 	<p><i>Co-opted governor</i></p>	<p><i>I have two children with the eldest in Leopards class. I have been living in the area for the last 6 years and love living here with all it's got to offer. I am very impressed with how Shaftesbury Park has been evolving and how my son is enjoying his time here. As someone born in Ireland, raised in Holland and who has made the great international city of London my home I am a big believer in the benefits of the bilingual environment that we are developing at Shaftesbury Park.</i></p>

<p><i>Helene Webb</i></p>	<p><i>Co-opted Governor</i></p>	<p><i>I gained a Masters degree in Law and a Masters in financial planning in Paris before training as a primary school teacher. I have an international background and lived in France, the Czech Republic and the French West Indies before moving to the UK in 2006. I have been working in finance specializing in risk management over the last 9 years. I moved from North London to Clapham with my family last summer and my eldest son joined Shaftesbury Park in September (Zebra class).</i></p>
<p><i>Our staff Governors are Bunmi Richards, Julia Humble and Katie Hancock.</i></p>		

What to do if you would like to contact a governor

You can speak to any of our parent governors in the school playground, or if you would like to pass a message directly to the Chair of Governors, you can leave a message at the school office which will be passed on during his fortnightly visits to the school. You can also email the school for the attention of Chair of Governors and it will be forwarded to him.

Other news from Shaftesbury Park

Owls Sharing Assembly

A big thank you to Owls class for their entertaining sharing assembly this morning. Pupils, staff and lucky parents really enjoyed hearing about all the wonderful things that the Owls have been doing recently; we heard the life story of Roald Dahl, some excellent character description of Mrs Pratchett using lots of lovely adjectives and adverbs and we especially enjoyed the song and dance to ‘Happy’ by Pharell Williams at the end. Fantastic work Owls!

Winter Fete

A huge thank you to all the parents and staff that helped with our fantastic Winter Fete! Whether you helped us prepare, made/brought cakes, donated raffle prizes and tombola items or even if you just came and spent some money, we are extremely grateful. Though we still have to count the money raised by today’s afterschool sales of the final cakes and sweets, so far we have raised over £1200. Well done everyone!

Poetry Slam

This week Amal, Cy, Zayn, Amber, Jevonté and Reece took part in a poetry slam at Wandsworth Town Hall, competing against 11 other local schools. Shaftesbury Park had entries in both the individual and group competitions, with Cy reciting the poem ‘Popular’ and the whole group performing ‘Twas the night before Christmas’ to rapturous applause. A huge well done to all of the children for their hard work, both at the event and for the weeks of preparation beforehand. We hope you enjoy your books!

FS stage trip to Battersea Arts Centre

On Thursday, the Foundation Stage enjoyed a lovely afternoon at Battersea Arts Centre to see a play all about the Antarctic complete with seals, penguins and ‘owl-a-bears’. Everybody really enjoyed themselves and the Foundation Stage classes are now looking forward to a follow-up workshop next term! We are glad you had such a lovely time!

Upcoming dates this half term:

Thursday 11th December: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch

Friday 12th December: KS1 trip to Gulliver’s Land

Friday 12th December: Turtles sharing assembly 9.30am, parents welcome

Tuesday 16th December: KS1 and KS2 Christmas Performance at the Ascension Church - 2pm

Wednesday 17th December & Thursday 18th December: Foundation Stage Nativity (please see your child’s teacher for tickets).

Thursday 18th December: Class parties and Santa

Friday 19th December: Last day of term - break up at 2pm!

Tuesday 6th January: Return to school

Shoot to the Moon winners!

Foundation Stage:	Key Stage 1:	Key Stage 2:
Zebras: Kaleb & Khalid	Badgers: n/a	Starfish: Ellie
Tigers: Keira & Malik	Hedgehogs: n/a	Sharks: Frankie & Megan
Leopards: Amna & Charlotte	Owls: Kayda & Tyra	Turtles: Ikram & Katie
	Foxes: Kyle & Nyla	Dolphins: Haytham & Megan

Don't forget...
Save the Children
Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11th December

...oh and the Christmas Lunch on the same day!

On Thursday 11th December, children and staff will be invited to wear a winter/Christmas jumper to school to help raise money for the charity Save the Children. Everyone participating will be asked to donate a minimum of £1 to wear a festive sweater to school.

You can be as creative as you like. You may want to decorate a jumper or tracksuit top using baubles, tinsel, snowflakes, etc. Alternatively, your child could wear a winter/Christmas sweater of your/their choice.

If you would like to contribute but do not celebrate Christmas, your child could participate by wearing or decorating a jumper with a winter theme.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support in raising money for this worthy cause.

Thank you

