



## Vision and Values

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Pride, Kindness, Diversity and Community*



# Governor Newsletter End of year 2023-24



## Hello from the Governors

Dear parents and carers,  
As a team of governors we have had a busy year. We have undertaken **13** meetings as both a full governing body and in our sub-committees. We have made numerous visits to school including learning walks, book looks, lunchtime observation, safeguarding visits and joining INSET and staff training. Feedback from our visits often comments on the calm learning environment within the school, the positive behaviour of students and the excellent knowledge of the staff.

We have had a change to our structure with **Louise Bleathman** taking on the role of Chair and **David Lovelock** taking on Vice-Chair. **Jan Draper** has stepped down as chair but we are very pleased to say is remaining as part of the governing team. We say a big thank you and farewell to **Maureen Graham** and **Melissa Stroud** for their many years of commitment and service to the school.

Next year we are looking forward to getting into school even more and supporting at events, as well as keeping ourselves busy with regular training and our meetings to ensure that Tadley Community School continues to grow and thrive.

If you would like more information about us and what we do please have a look at our page on the school website:

<https://www.tadleyprimary.co.uk/governors/>

## The Library

Thank you to **Mrs Davies** and all the other staff involved in promoting regular library use and all of the brilliant world book day events that happened this year. The students had so many exciting activities to take part in. There are regular updates about reading in the newsletter for parents so keep an eye out!

## Community helpers

Thank you so much to the **25+ parents** who have come in to school to help with reading, trips and other events this year. A big thank to Sam the Youth Pastor who has also spent a lot of time in school this year. We really appreciate you giving up your time to support the school.

## Year 6 cohort

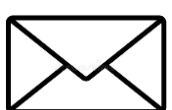
Well done to the year 6 students who have worked so hard this year in preparation for their SATS. We hope you enjoyed all of your celebrations and your fantastic end of year show. We hope you all leave with fond memories of your time at Tadley Community Primary school and wish you all the best moving forward to secondary school.

## Year R spotlight

What a brilliant year our new year R cohort has had! We have loved hearing about your progress with writing, your successful trip to Bethany Care home, your nursery rhyme show and your first school trip to Bucklebury Farm. We have been lucky enough to visit year R in lesson time and at break times and seen what a fantastic group they are. We hope you have enjoyed your first year at school and are looking forward to what you go on to achieve!

## OPAL

We have really enjoyed hearing all about the children enjoying **OPAL** and getting to be involved in a range of outdoor activities. From our governor visits we have seen children playing on sledges, scooters, sandpits and using tyres and tarpaulin to make dens! They seem to be having so much fun. If you have any materials such as tarpaulin, bed sheets, pots and pans, pegs, string, scooters or sledges that you wish to donate the school would be most grateful.



If you would like to get in contact with the governors you can do so by letter to the school office or via email to our Chair [louise.bleathman@tadley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:louise.bleathman@tadley.hants.sch.uk)

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This year we have organised 10 events (including film nights, discos, dare day and the golden ticket event) as well as 3 happy bag collections and 3 second-hand uniform sales.

We raised a grand total of **£13 256.49**.

To date, for this school year, we are proud to say we have spent

**£10 900** and have funded:

- **4 Pupil laptops and 5 Pupil iPads**
- **The Year 6 Leavers Book 2024 (and 2023)**
- **Sandpit Sand and sleepers**
- **King Charles Coronation Pins**
- **Y6 SATS Breakfast and BBQ**
- **Christmas Crackers and Raffle Prizes**
- **Trip funding for several trips including the Y6 Trip Hurst School Musical and the Y2 Sports Tournament**



**Tadley School PTA**

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The highlight of the year has been the development of the reading for pleasure. The children now LOVE reading and choose it above playing and colouring in the classroom. Whether it be picture books, chapter books, comics, magazines or recipes the children enjoy sharing these with their friends.

My steps under my board are covered in books with personalised book marks in. I love seeing the children's eyes light up when I introduce them to a new book!

**Mrs Davies,  
Attenborough class**

My highlight has been the implementation of OPAL at lunchtimes - it has been a pleasure to see the children's enjoyment and engagement in the range of activities and how well the pupils have supported each other.

**Ms Mohain  
Deputy Headteacher**

The highlight of my year was visiting Bethany's residential home. The children really enjoyed presenting their flowers and cards and singing to the residents. It was lovely to see the residents smiling and dancing along too!

**Mrs Brant,  
Hargreaves class**

Seeing children from all year groups slowly starting to engage with and care for the allotment with great excitement, curiosity and creativity. Planting the tree saplings donated from the Woodlands Trust with the eco team, the parent meet ups and harvesting and tasting radishes with year 5!

**Laura Routh-Parsons  
Garden project**

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The highlight was the our ancient Egyptian project. We had waited forty days and forty nights to uncover the fish we had mummified so that we could complete the ancient embalming ritual. Finally, we uncovered our pharaohs (we named one King Troutenkhamun!) and were able to see their preserved bodies. The awe and wonder in that moment was palpable and was the culmination of so much learning that had taken place beforehand.

The children took their roles seriously in respecting the bodies of our fish as they carefully washed them in sacred oils, dressed them in linens and finally laid them to rest for eternity. Even the staff were fascinated (and disgusted) at the process!

**Mrs Brady**  
**Storey class**

The highlight for us has been seeing the work that the gardening volunteers have achieved and the amazing transformation of our outside space. We see first hand how this has impacted the children - they always come back from the garden with smiles and tales of the adventures they have had.

**The office team**

I have loved this year! Getting to know my children really well has been a big highlight. We have had lots of fun, learnt new skills such as doing woodwork and making 3D Banksy tags as well as learning about our differences. We have had a great year and I can't wait for Year 6!

**Mrs Izzo**  
**Austen class**

Wow, there are so many highlights of the year including our pop-up wellbeing hub, different trips in each year group, the Anvil music show, OPAL at lunchtimes and watching our Year 6 children grow and become ready for their new Secondary school!

But for me, the highlight of the year was coming back into school in January, after some time away, and being able to be a part of our school community again. I'm very privileged to lead such a great staff team and have your amazing children come to our school. And I'm looking forward to seeing what we can all achieve working together next year!

**Mrs Aley**  
**Headteacher**