

The Federation of Ann Bernadt and Nell Gwynn Nursery Schools

GOVERNORS' REPORT TO PARENTS

December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

The Government requires all school governing bodies to have three core strategic functions which apply to our Federation of Nursery schools. These are:

1. Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Hold the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
3. Oversee the financial performance of the school and ensure funds are well spent.

Governors were pleased to welcome six new members to the Governing Body in November. These Governors are undertaking formal training to ensure that we are well prepared to support the school. We recognise the importance of training in equipping Governors for the complexities of education and changes to procedures and the ways teaching is delivered.

The governing body is currently made up of the following members:

Barry Joseph	Chair of Governors
Oliver Kempton	Co Vice-Chair of Governors
Susan Crisp	Co Vice Chair of Governors
Lynne Cooper	Executive Head teacher
Janet Walker-O'Brien	Co-opted Governor
Pippa Baker	Head of School, Nell Gwynn (Associate Governor)
Levia Ostrove-Pound	Assistant Headteacher, Ann Bernadt (Associate Governor)
Vimal Bhoquita	Co-opted Governor
Patrick Pratt	Co-opted Governor
Fatima Mahfud	Parent Governor
Leanna Hinds	Parent Governor
Sheryl Thompson	Co-opted Governor
Liselli Bull	Co-opted Governor
Adetola Babatunde	Co-opted Governor
Christopher Brewster	Co-opted Governor
Jana Ikere	Co-opted Governor

The Full Governing Body meet three times a year and the Curriculum Committee and Resources committee each meet on a further three occasions.

The Governors monitor the maintenance and development of the school premises and make decisions about the school budget. As with all schools, budgets are tight, but we are pleased to report that we continue to maintain a balanced budget with a small contingency carry over this year. The budget will continue to be reviewed throughout the academic year to ensure solvency and probity thereby ensuring our financial resources are being used effectively. The school budget, and Health and Safety practices have been closely monitored. We are delighted that the school is able to prioritise funding appropriately, and that everything is done to ensure children's safety, as well as that of the staff and visitors alike.

Governors have a statutory duty for Safeguarding , Oliver Kempton is our designated Child Protection and Safeguarding Governor. Oliver makes regular visits to monitor Safeguarding in our Federated schools.

The Governing Body also has a duty to monitor our "vulnerable groups" of children and to focus on how the Early Years Pupil Premium Grant is being spent by the school and what impact this has on outcomes. Intervention strategies and their impact on pupil progress are monitored termly. This information is published on our website.

Successes

Nell Gwynn received a positive Ofsted report in June 2019. The inspector reported:-

"The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection. Based on the evidence gathered during this short inspection, I am of the opinion that the school has demonstrated strong practice and marked improvement in specific areas. This may indicate that the school has improved significantly overall. Therefore, I am recommending that the school's next inspection be a section 5 inspection".

This means that the school is expecting a return visit from Ofsted in the near future to see if the school is eligible for an "Outstanding" rating.

Following a "Good" rating by Ofsted in February 2018, Ann Bernadt was selected by the Local Authority to trial the new Ofsted Inspection Framework.

Across the Federation 62% of children transitioning to school in September 2019, achieved 40-60 Months emerging against the objectives of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. From an analysis of data and the schools progress, the Executive Head teacher, in collaboration with the Governing Body sets priorities for the year ahead.

What are the priorities for Nell Gwynn and Ann Bernadt in 2019/20?

They are as follows:-

- Continue to provide and refine opportunities for children to apply their phonic skills in shared reading activities.
- Continue to provide and refine opportunities for families/carers to learn about strategies to develop early reading skills
- Review group time to ensure that a love of stories and the development of reading is at the core of our offer to children
- Review practice and provision to ensure all early mark making and writing opportunities are employed to maximise progress in this area of the curriculum.
- Examine practice and introduce further opportunities for children to hypothesise, experiment, observe and report on the world about them.
- Audit and refine the provision and delivery of the curriculum to ensure all children have equal access to all areas of the provision/curriculum to maximise equal opportunities for children.
- Audit and refine the use of language within the school to ensure the extinction of gender stereotypical language and commentary
- Develop emotional coaching within the school to ensure children develop the understanding and vocabulary to manage their emotions.
- Review and update Behaviour Policy to incorporate learning, techniques and practice from emotional coaching training.
- Staff to use all opportunities to work with families to encourage good attendance
- Continue to develop leadership across the federation and within the school.
- Continue to develop research led initiatives within school and across the federation to drive forward improvements
- Continue to drive forward initiatives to improve the emotional, physical and mental health of children, families and staff

Governors have specific responsibility for one or more areas of school life. In this capacity they visit school to monitor the impact of school improvement policy (SIP) activities.

Key Issues faced by the Governing body during 2018/19

- Governors supported Ofsted inspections at both schools
- Supported the school in negotiations with contractors on local developments

Thank-You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our school staff who work so hard to ensure that all children receive the best experiences they can. As a result, standards are maintained and improved. Pupils are happy, safe and have a love of learning which is evident in their positive attitudes to learning, May we also take this opportunity to thank our school parents/carers for the continued and unstinting support of your children which enables them to maximise their potential.

Nell Gwynn Nursery School

Executive Headteacher: Lynne Cooper

Head of School and SENCo: Pippa Baker (Maternity leave)

Early Years SEN Leader (Part time): Lynn Whyte

Class Teachers: Amelie, Eleanor (Elly), Kay, Sam, (**Assistant SENCo**)

2 Years Old Provision - Manager: Ruby

Early Years Educators: Ana, Bola, Falguni, Tamara, Taneisha, Patricia

Teaching Assistants: Bose, Marie, Maryam, Sumbo

Special Educational Needs Assistants: Ana Maria, Dionne, Rosemary, Vida, Judy, Sarah Jane, Lorna

Administration Team: Lillian (Business Manager), Alicia, Erika, Sue

Kitchen Staff: Ruth (Catering Manager), Fatima (Catering Assistant)

LunchTime Assistant Harriet

Facilities Manager: Dujohn

Cleaners: Tulay

Ann Bernadt Nursery School

Executive Headteacher: Lynne Cooper

Head of School: Levia Ostrove-Pound (**SENCo**)

Assistant SENCo: Lynn Whyte (Part Time)

Class Teachers: Eve, Rebecca, Shepy, Wen, Cat (PT)

Early Years Educators : Sherrella, Daniella, Joan, Laura, Ade, Julie, Michelle, Annette

Special Educational Needs Assistants: Noorun, James, Anna, Sandra, Justine, Humaira, Wakenesh

Receptionist -Liseli

Administration Team: Lillian (Federated business Manager) Kat, Sue

Kitchen Staff: Helen (Catering Manager) Ilona (Catering Assistant) Milena (Catering Assistant PT)

Lunch time supervisors: Bunmi, Ilona,

Premises Officer: Terry

To contact the governors:

By email:

If your child is at Ann Bernadt: annbernadtgovernors@gmail.com

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By post:

You can leave a letter or a note for us at the school reception

In person:

The governors hold coffee mornings at the schools, so ask the reception staff about when our next meeting will be.

Don't forget to check out our websites, and follow us on twitter!

Websites:

www.nellgwyn.southwark.sch.uk

www.annbernadtnursery.co.uk

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