



Annual Report To Parents



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NURSERY INSPECTION

As you know we are all extremely proud of our Academy and this year has seen more outstanding achievements. The associated Nursery successfully negotiated its third inspection since its inception in 2006 and for the third time running it was deemed to be 'Outstanding'.

SATS RESULTS

TPA has had yet another bumper year with its SATs at KS2 absolutely demolishing the national and Milton Keynes average. We have often referred to this as the TPAA (The Premier Academy Advantage). Attached to this report are some statistics that I hope are of interest.

IMPROVEMENTS

Having now secured over £2,000,000 of additional capital funding in the last three years I am pleased to be able to inform you that the building of our new dining hall is well under way with a target completion date of May 2015. We have decided to use a Bletchley based building company in part to ensure that the money goes back into the local economy. The term capital funding means that it can only be used for building and not for resources or salaries etc. As you now know there was a little surprise for the children to hopefully compensate for the temporary loss of the adventure playground. Hopefully this may inspire the next Rory McIlroy!

LEARNING BLOCK 2 ENTRANCE

For those of you who have not been with us that long, whenever we undertake any extension we lose the Tiffany Close gate entrance and this area becomes the builders' compound and access point into school. Therefore all pedestrians are currently having to share the vehicular access route at the Nursery side of school. This isn't as daunting as it sounds as we simply stop all vehicular traffic entering or exiting the site until the children are off site. It is basically a 26 week build project and during that time the school will be closed for 11 weeks if you add up all our holidays. Therefore there will only be 15 weeks of disruption to you or put another way 75 days!

SPORTS DAYS, ICE-CREAM, MUFTI, PTA AND FÊTE DAY TAKINGS

Some people have asked where the money that is collected from events goes and indeed where any profits from school fundraising go. The answer is simple; it all goes back into the children's facilities. I have attached a sheet highlighting the expenditure which incredibly amounts to £4362. Next year however we will be looking to fund a much bigger and better covered adventure playground and I have already committed to matching any funding raised! The playgrounds start at about £20,000 so I hope that by the end of the new hall build we'll be well on our way!

THAT SCHOOL IS RUN AS A BUSINESS – True or False?

This is something that gets levelled at us all the time as a criticism. However I never take it as a criticism because of course we are a business and we are in the business of education! What we are not and absolutely categorically not is a profit making business. Every penny we make gets ploughed back into school which is why it is so frustrating that we cannot hire out our hall as all that income would benefit the children, for example dance classes, fat club (which I will be joining!), U17 Bucks County Netball Team.

GOVERNOR LOSS

Due to a family relocation Emma Reason is standing down as a parent governor. I would like to thank Emma for her years of dedicated service to the school and wish her and her family well and the best of luck in the future. Whilst we are losing a great governor Leon is losing an inspirational art teacher. Emma emailed me recently with the following:

I wanted to thank you and all staff at TPA for all the care and support you have given to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I know TPA is an excellent school but as a parent my main indicator is whether they enjoy school - which they do, they love it and are sad to go but we will be nearer family and are ready for our next adventure!

Thanks again for giving them the best start they could have.

*Regards
Emma*

GOVERNOR VACANCY

As Emma and her family move on to pastures new we are in need of recruiting a parent governor to join our dedicated and talented group to ensure that the next decade at TPA is as successful as the past. Currently we have Mr Paul Ayres (London Midland) Ms Amanda Stepney (Head of English at TBS) Mr Colin Marsh (Accountant) Mrs June Mason (Ward Sister) Mrs Sophie Field (Teacher) Mr Mick Klein (Site Manager) Mr Lee Robinson (Year 6 Teacher at Shortstown Primary School) Ms Angela Kennedy (Chair of Bletchley and Fenny Town Council) and myself as by law I have to be a governor.

WEEKEND WEDDINGS AND BAR MITZVAHS

I was recently approached by a neighbour about the fact that we wanted to have the conditions of usage on the hall removed to allow us to use the hall in the evenings and the weekend. She informed me that she had heard that we wanted to become a wedding venue with a liquor licence. And that there were plans to host Bar Mitzvahs too! This was then repeated to me at least ten times over the following week! As far as I know none of Mick, Colin or Chris has any intention of joining the clergy or becoming rabbis and I certainly have better things to do at weekends than to run a bar! Unless of course it was a beach bar in Malibu!

PTA

The PTA has been instrumental in driving some good new initiatives in school recently including a monthly pizza initiative, a stall at sports day and of course the summer fête. Unfortunately, after a good initial interest nearly all the work has been left to a couple of parents and the staff. So if you're willing and able to muck in and improve things for the children then there is no better way than to join the PTA!

THE FUTURE

We are hoping that by this time next year we can drive on site and drop and go onto Drayton Road, eat high quality hot meals, play on an all-weather surface, pick up in a collection car park and come into school on a Saturday morning to roller skate in the hall without disturbing a single neighbour!

We have two appeals running concurrently at the moment which we will hopefully be successful with. As soon as I know more I will keep you informed.

The children of the school are the future of this country and this community. Let's all hope that they grow up to be far more tolerant and understanding of their children's needs than some of the members of our local community. And remember, just like Rome,

"TPA wasn't built in a day!"