



GOVERNOR VISIT REPORT

Name: Emma Pennells	Date/s: Monday 26 th June 2023
Focus of visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To take part in the Governor visit day ● To see 'school in action' ● To discuss changes to the admissions policy ● To review data 	Classes/staff visited: Year 5, Miss Pickles, Mrs Carter, Miss Lightfoot, Mr Morley
Summary of activities e.g. talking to staff and pupils, looking at resources, had lunch etc.	
<p>The day began with the Headteacher's assembly in the hall with all the staff and children. Mr Richard Sheriff, CEO of the Trust, was also invited to the assembly to give out long service awards to the staff. It was a wonderful celebration of all the dedicated staff at Austhorpe. What a lot of awards! Unbelievably there were even a couple of 20-year service awards. There was also a celebration of the children who received Headteacher awards and prizes for various school initiatives. The assembly ended with the introduction of 'Go-Kart Week' by Mrs Haigh. The children sat quietly and attentively through the whole assembly which lasted about an hour.</p>	
<p>I then joined Year 5 in their classroom where they began the preliminary work for Go-Kart week. They were working hard on creating a setting for their Go-Kart week. Using the iPads (very efficiently) they drew a scene which they then had to describe to their partner. This then led into some writing. The class were very calm and focused on their learning. They very worked well in pairs, including moving sensibly around the classroom.</p>	
<p>After breaktime I returned to Year 5 for Maths. They were designing their Go-Kart track and adding measurements. They had to convert their measurements from metres to kilometres. All the children chose a challenge level appropriate to them. Yet again, the class were so engaged and enthusiastic.</p>	
<p>It was a pleasure to see Year 5 again and see how they have matured over the year. They were all very happy and settled in the class. Miss Pickles had some very creative ideas to link the 'Go Kart week' to their topics in class. The children were so excited about Go-kart jousting!</p>	
<p>In the afternoon we came back together as Governors to discuss the data with Miss Lightfoot and Mr Morley. The data was coming in very rapidly and we were presented with 'hot off-the-press' data! It all looked very promising, with the school data consistently above both Leeds and National data. It was also clear how hard the staff and pupils have worked post-pandemic to return the children's levels to pre-covid levels. There is still more work to be done, particularly in writing across school, but the trend was clearly moving in the right direction.</p>	



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We then discussed changes to the school admissions policy. Governors shared lots of ideas which will be discussed further before a new policy is agreed.

It was a very busy day for all Governors, especially as we had our LGB meeting at the end of the day. As always though, it was a pleasure to be in school seeing all the wonderful staff and children working so hard.

I look forward to hearing about how the Go-Kart race goes at the end of the week!

What have I learned as a result of my visit?	Positive comments about the visit
<p>As always, there are so many things going on in school to enrich the children's education. Go Kart week is just one of the many things that the children have experienced this year.</p>	<p>What a wonderful day! The staff and pupils are so welcoming, and it was an absolute pleasure to spend the day in school.</p> <p>I would personally like to thank Miss Pickles for making me feel so welcome in her classroom. It was clear to see how much she enjoys teaching the children and the children were certainly engaged in her lessons. Thank you!</p>

Aspects I would like clarified/questions that I have:

N/A All questions were answered during the visit.

Ideas for future visits:

N/A

Any other comments:

As another academic year draws to a close, I just wanted to say what a pleasure it has been to be a Governor this year. The school is always so welcoming. All the hard work from staff and pupils this year has been clear to see. I hope everyone has a well-deserved summer break and I look forward to seeing everyone again next academic year.

**Signed: *E Pennells*
(Governor)**