



GOVERNOR VISIT REPORT

Name: Julie Webster	Date: 29th Nov 2022
Focus of visit Curriculum, H&S, Safe Guarding.	Classes/staff visited Reception, year 3 and year 1
Summary of activities e.g. talking to staff and pupils, looking at resources, had lunch etc. <p>I spent sometime in the playground talking to parents, whose feedback was overall very positive, they reported their children were happy in the school. One piece of feedback to note was that, perhaps the communication could be earlier on some aspects of school events, i.e. comms going out to Reception parents on what timings were involved, what to wear and lunch arrangements only received morning before the actual event.</p> <p>The atmosphere around the school was fantastic, happy smiling, very polite children .At school assembly governors were asked to introduce themselves and then took questions from the children, it was beautifully organised, everyone knew where to go where to sit, went off without a hitch and the behaviour of the children in school was, as always, amazing.</p> <p>I Spent time in reception where they really enjoyed “Subitising” to music, they were focusing on the number 5.</p> <p>The briefing on the H&S was very thorough, the fire drill went well and the children were calm and exited the school in a timely manner. I asked staff members if they knew who to contact with concerns on child safety and where the information was kept. They had no hesitation in telling me, the information correlated with the presentation information on safeguarding. Staff appear to be well versed in who to contact and when.</p> <p>After lunch in the school hall, which was very nice. We had a presentation from the HT on Oracy and Maths, which is linked to the school improvement plan. We also were taken through the new website updates and a curriculum presentation, I could see very easily how the subject leaders could keep track of how the subjects were being taught across all the year classes.</p> <p>I spoke with Early Years subject leader, who shared how they were mitigating the gaps in knowledge for some children, which would normally have been in place had it not been for the pandemic, i.e. speaking, motor skills, physical core strengths, skills normally picked up during nurse years.</p> <p>I was amazed at what was been achieved in the school by the children and staff. The quality and commitment to the teaching, despite struggling with ever decreasing school funding was nothing short of heroic.</p> <p>It was an amazing day, packed with information, from both staff and children. Highlight, as always for me, getting to hear the thoughts and comments from the children, they are super well behaved, confident and articulate a real credit to the school.</p>	



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What have I learned as a result of my visit?

Lots about the curriculum and how the subjects are monitored across the years by the subject leaders, it's a great piece of work.

Positive comments about the visit

All mentioned above in the summary.

Buddy system where the older children buddy up with Key stage 1 children is really great to see, It's like a big family. The other thing that stood out was that all the staff know all the children's names, makes for very real feeling of belonging.

Aspects I would like clarified/questions that I have:

Ideas for future visits:

Any other comments:

Fantastic to see the refugee children from Afghanistan integrating well into school and looking happy to be a part of the Austhorpe school community.

**Signed: Julie Webster
(Governor)**