

# Governors' End of Year Report to Woodlea School community

Dear Woodlea Parents and Carers,

It has been a great pleasure to serve on the Local Governing Committee of Woodlea Primary School over the past academic year. As another successful year draws to a close, we wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on some of the many achievements of our pupils and staff, both academically and across the wider life of the school.

## At a glance

- **Excellent academic outcomes**, with results above the national average in every Year 6 SATs subject, the year 4 Multiplication Tables Check and the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.
- Commendations for the **quality of teaching** at Woodlea.
- **A rich programme of enrichment activities**; residential trips, educational visits, performances and clubs, supported by staff and the PTA.

At Woodlea, every aspect of school life matters, but academic excellence remains a central priority. Whilst we closely monitor the progress of children throughout their time at Woodlea, there are three nationally benchmarked assessments during Key Stages 1 and 2 that enable us to compare our outcomes with schools across the country. I am delighted to report that Woodlea continues to perform exceptionally well.

### Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Every Woodlea child who had the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check applied met the expected standard, compared with a national average of 82%\*. This superb outcome places Woodlea within the **top 6% of schools nationally** and reflects the strong foundations laid during the children's first years at this school.

### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Mathematics continues to be a real strength of the school, with **50% of Year 4 pupils achieving a perfect score** in the MTC—a remarkable achievement that is significantly above the national average\*.

### Year 6 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)

The oldest children at Woodlea achieved fantastic SATs results. The school's results were **above the national average in every assessed subject—Reading, Grammar Punctuation and Spelling (SPaG), Mathematics, Writing and Science**. Particularly impressive were our Writing outcomes, where **13% more Woodlea pupils achieved or exceeded the expected standard than the national average**. The value added by teaching across KS2 is evidenced by Woodlea students achieving some of the **very highest nationally calibrated standardised scores** and in the **impressive accelerated progress** made by pupils, with many significantly exceeding the outcomes predicted by their base line scores.

These three outstanding outcomes, and all of the smaller daily achievements, reflect our Head Teacher's child-centred leadership and relentless pursuit of excellence, together with the dedication and expertise of every member of staff. Following a recent visit, the Director of Education for Tandridge Learning Trust praised Woodlea's learning environment for promoting *"positive behaviour, strong attitudes to learning and a shared sense of belonging, enabling pupils to focus on learning and making progress."* I hope this reflects what you see as parents every day.

Academic success is complemented by excellence beyond the classroom. I was delighted to learn that a Woodlea team won the **Science Showdown trophy**, that we have Mathletes joining **stretch workshops run by the Royal Institute** in London and children have the opportunity to build business skills through participation in the **National Young Enterprise challenge**.

Of course, a Woodlea education is about much more than academic achievements.

Sport continues to flourish, with pupils enjoying another fantastic year of competition. Highlights include winning the **Small Schools District Sports Trophy for Athletics** for the third year in a row and enjoying success on the football field, the netball court and in the summer swimming gala. For the first time Woodlea pupils raced in the mini London marathon.

Turning to the Arts, the breadth of opportunities available to pupils continues to impress. From singing their hearts out as a part of Young Voices, the **largest Children's Choir in the World**, performing in **Rock bands** with RockSteady, to the Year 5 and 6 production of **Shrek the Musical**, Woodlea children have showcased confident performances. All forms of artistic

\*Schools subscribing to Insight Tracking Platform

endeavour continue are encouraged with the inaugural Trust wide Art Exhibition proving to be a wonderful display of talent.

The co-curricular activities enabled by the teaching staff and external providers are remarkable at Woodlea with a **wide variety of clubs** available around the school day and **residential trips** in years 4 and 6 providing experiences and challenges that build both self reliance and teamwork. Also a mention to the kind and fun environment that the 'Brambles' **wrap around care provision** provides for those who need flexibility of pick up and drop off times.

Woodlea is a school to be very proud of, so behalf of the Governing Body, thank you to our Headteacher, staff, PTA, parents and, above all, the pupils for making this school community special. To our Year 6 pupils, congratulations on all you have achieved during your time at Woodlea, we wish you every success and happiness as you begin the next exciting chapter of your journey.

I hope every Woodlea family has a happy, restful summer and look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Local Governing Committee for Woodlea Primary School