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Governors Annual Report to Parents July 2024

As we approach the end of another school year, I would like to begin by thanking all of the parents who have supported the school so much this year in so many ways.

Reading **to** and **with** your children has undoubtedly helped many of them to achieve good levels of reading ability. The children are taught through a Phonics programme which has enabled 81% of them to achieve the national standard expected of them at this age. This percentage has improved greatly this year so well done to children, staff and parents.

It is also great when parents post the "Evidence Me" photos to show what the youngsters get up to at home.

Attendance by parents at class events such as Reading mornings, Maths mornings and class assemblies has been very positive too, as has the attendance at Parents evenings.

I would like to remind you that some of the school's Governors also attend the Parents' Evenings so please come and tell us about the lovely things that your children are doing. We do visit regularly but we obviously don't see everything. There are also comment cards that can be written on to give to us available in Reception and school office.

All the dates for the many school events are always in the regular school newsletters sent out by Ms Holmes.

The amounts we have raised for a number of charities throughout the year has been fantastic. The most notable visit perhaps this year was of the Paralympian Sean Gaffney who visited us in May and will be taking part in the next Invictus Games. A massive £1477 was raised and is being used to buy more sports equipment.



Derbyshire Healthy Schools
Community Award



KILLAMARSH INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Staying on the theme of Sports, a range of different activities were seen at Sports Day this year and it was enjoyed very much by both children and spectators. It is hoped this can be repeated next year.

Another developing activity this year has been the support given to all of the after school clubs that have been on offer during each term. These have been many and varied with each term's offerings being slightly different.

A huge focus has again been with School Attendance again this year. We do know that nationally there is a problem with too many children not attending school regularly. We also recognise that there is always going to be some absence annually due to illness and this year has been no exception.

But with so much effort being exerted to encourage as full attendance as possible it has been pleasing that this year we have (up until 21st June):

Reception has achieved 91.97% attendance
Year 1 has achieved 91.25% attendance
Year 2 has achieved 93.05% attendance

We also have 49% of pupils who achieved 95% - excellent - as well as three children who have been at school 100% of the year.

I cannot finish without thanking **every** member of staff for all of their efforts throughout the year. This has been a tough year but many have gone above and beyond what we can expect from them. Thanks also to those on the Governing board who have also put a great deal of time aside to support the school in so many ways.

Sandra Fraser, Chair of Governors



The governing body has three core functions determined by the Department for Education:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction.
2. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
3. Overseeing and ensuring effective financial performance.