



Governor Newsletter

September 2018



Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome to you all, we hope you had a wonderful summer holiday? (Although this is now but a distant memory)! We would particularly like to welcome parents/carers whose children have joined our school in September. The aim of this newsletter is to keep you all informed of the governors work and introduce our governing body members.

At last week's board meeting I was appointed chair of governors for the coming year 2018/19, having served as vice-chair for the previous year. It is with great enthusiasm that I accepted the appointment. I now look forward to building on the excellent work undertaken by Kenny Boom who has over many years taken the school forward as chair, Kenny has now become vice chair allowing for his vast experience, knowledge and contribution to continue with the school and importantly in direct support of myself and the board.

Kenny hands over the role at a time when the school is fully match fit, it is now for me to ensure that I and the Board of Governors continue our work in the best interests of the school all of its pupils, staff and of course all parents and the local community, I have no doubt that there will be many new challenges ahead but I know with your continued support school will go from strength to strength. I look forward to my new role and my continuing relationship with school and everyone associated with it.

This year, the governing board has welcomed two new members in James Issitt and Ruth Brennan, we wish them all the best in their exciting new roles.

Andy Davidson

Chair of Governors



Sue Blair
Head Teacher
Pennine Way Primary School

I have been Head Teacher at PWPS for 13 years now. We have been through 2 floods, we have built a new school and we have grown from 215 to 420 pupils. Our results have gone from strength to strength because of our amazing children, wonderfully brilliant staff and supportive community including parents, families, Governors, CDC, Community Centre, Local Authority, and CaSPA (10

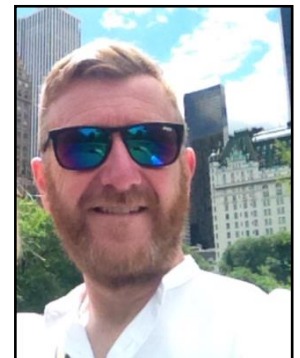
local schools). By working together, sharing our expertise and resources, we are able to ensure every child and family gets the support and help they need to achieve our simple vision –

A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS.

Long may these effective partnerships continue as together we safeguard our children, provide a school where happiness is in our hearts and learning leads the way. I am proud and privileged to serve this community as head teacher.

Andy Davidson
Chair of Governors

I joined Pennine Way School as a co-opted governor in March of last year prior to becoming vice-chair in September. I live with my partner Liz and between us we have seven adult children who have now moved on to live in various parts of the world. I am a Cumbrian, born in Carlisle I lived in Harraby and attended Inglewood Junior School. I was a police officer for 30 years with Cumbria Constabulary retiring in 2009. Since then I have owned and run my own English Language School in the North East but now I spend my time trying to keep fit through running and golf, walking our two Labrador dogs and enjoying my motor bike. As chair of governors I will be working in the very best interests of all of our pupils, staff, parents and the wider community to ensure we continue to build on our successes and to help provide opportunity for everyone associated with our school.





Kenny Boom
Vice Chair

I have been in and around Pennine Way Primary School for the past 16 years, as a parent, parent helper and Governor.

A key focus of mine as a Governor is ensuring a high quality of teaching and resources for everyone. When we get this right, we attract more children and we grow not only as a School but a Community asset.

Education is more important today than it has ever been. It is a positive, supportive and powerful force for giving every child the best start in life's great adventure and develops the skills they need to succeed.

James Issitt
Parent Governor

James currently works at the Institute of the Arts, University of Cumbria as a Senior Lecturer in Drama. Prior to a career in education, James directed professional theatre across the country including London. He attended St. John's university in York where he read for a BA(Hons) in Drama with English before moving to London to study at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art for his MA in Text and Performance. James is currently completing a PhD entitled *Performing miracles: the real magic behind the performance*; a thesis based on the performance of close-up magic.

He is also a Member of the Magic Circle in London, the world's most prestigious magical society in the world with only 1500 members.

James is married to Laura and has two boys, Harry and George. Outside of University, James is a mean backgammon player and enjoys reading Shakespeare and other classical playwrights, and watching snooker and tennis.



Sean C. Reed MBA BSc (Hons) Dip Surv MRICS
Community Governor

I am 52, married and Emma and I have 2 boys, who are both at secondary school. One of our sons; Elliott, attended the nursery at PWPS when we moved here from Scotland. We live in Parkland Village. I run my own Chartered Surveying business, working for public and private sector clients and I enjoy helping Community Groups with property issues as they are traditionally under -represented. I have worked in the public and private sectors in England and Scotland and was previously Head of Property and Asset Management for the County Council and more recently Senior

Manager – Property Capital Programme, responsible for the delivery of the Council's property capital programme, including building new schools (such as Pennine Way Primary School), care homes and fire stations.

I am a Director/Trustee of Carlisle Sports CIO, which is responsible for the operation of the new Harraby Community Campus Sports Facilities. I became a Community Governor at PWPS after I left the County Council, having worked directly with Sue Blair and her team during the planning of the project and seen the excellent work the school was doing. The fantastic new facilities at the Harraby Campus provide the school, staff, parents and children with the foundations to grow and reach their potential and I would like to help the school and wider Harraby community achieve this by making my skills and experience available. Being a Community Governor is also an excellent opportunity for me to develop and grow and to work with some dedicated, friendly and interesting people, who are passionate about education. I am training to be a Drone Pilot and grow trees for fun and will be encouraging everyone to collect acorns to plant.

Andrew Beattie
Deputy Head

As deputy head I am extremely proud and privileged to be able to play a key role in maintaining and developing the excellent reputation that Pennine Way Primary school has amongst the local community. We have a superb and highly committed team of governors and an extremely enthusiastic, hard working, dynamic and talented group of staff. We all share a common vision and set of goals for the schools future and so it is a real privilege to be able to work with them all to help make our great school even better.



Ruth Brennan

Parent Governor

I am a working mother, in my professional capacity I am a part time Health and Safety and environmental Coordinator, for a local engineering company, and the rest of my time is taken up with my two boys. My eldest had just started reception at the school. Outside of work I spend the majority of my time with my boys, entertaining them, going for days out, squeezing in as many trip away as we can!

I chose to become a governor as I want to take an active role in my children's education and help take care of the place I entrust to take care of my children. I feel that my job role will be of benefit to the school, and I can offer health, safety and environmental advice whenever needed.

I'm looking forward to taking on this new challenge, and helping the school achieve the fantastic results it has done so far.



Chris Kania
Associate Governor

As School Office manager and CDC manager, I am privileged to work with children and adults within the community. I have worked as a teaching assistant at Upperby Primary school, and as an Internal Verifier.

I am also a tutor teaching anything from ICT to Sugar Craft .I am a passionate, dedicated member of the community and committed in helping and supporting every individual to aim for the top, making the most of their talents, whether their strengths are practical, academic or both.



David Irving
Parent Governor

I am an active member of the PTA having helped organise many events including the Dads V Teachers football match which took place during the Summer Fayre. I am married to Jaki and we have a daughter in year 3.

I work in retail and in my free time I enjoy spending time with my family. I am enjoying my role as a school governor and it has helped expand my knowledge on the day to day running of the school.





Teresa Mulholland

Parent Governor

I am a mum of two sons aged 10 and 15 the youngest of whom still attends Pennine Way School. I started off as a parent volunteer over 11 years ago and am now employed within the school office and CDC.

I am currently chair of the PTA and along with other PTA members help organise school and community events. I am passionate about the education and welfare of all children and the continued growth in community participation and empowerment. I enjoy my role as parent governor and believe as a governing body we help the school to achieve its aims and in turn this has helped develop my own skills.

Highlights and achievements:

The rest of the Governing Board continue to attend a wide range of training courses to ensure we are best equipped to carry out our roles.

In addition to our Governing board committee meetings, governors visit school regularly for link governor meetings, standard visits and data reviews. These visits enable us to ensure that the school development plan is continually monitored.

Goodbye to....

We are sad to say goodbye to Gary Smith (Community Governor) and Rob Winder (Parent Governor) and we thank them very much for all their hard work. Their experience and expertise will be missed.

Governors' Surgeries on Parents Evenings

Did you know that there is at least one Governor present on each Parents' Evening?

This is an opportunity for you to meet Governors and have an informal chat or relay any comments/suggestions you may have as a parent/carer.

Parents' evenings will take place on **Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th October 3:10pm-6pm.**

Coming up in the next newsletter....

Governor Learning Walk through Feedback

Each year, our Governing Board is involved in a whole school Learning Walk. This acts as a monitoring exercise and allows the Governors to see an area for development in action.

Staff Survey Results

The Safeguarding governors have carried out a staff survey; the results of this will be shared with you all in our next edition.

And finally,

With the constant pressure on academic achievement it's often easy to forget how much else goes on at the school: International days, Movie afternoons, Discos, carol concerts, pantomimes, plays and so much more.

The work that goes into all this is simply staggering and a real all-school effort, thank you everyone.