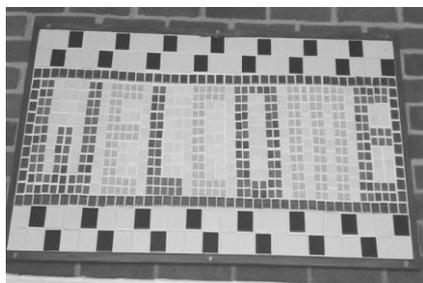


# GOVERNOR GAZETTE

**March 2018**



*Welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter from governors at Wenlock.*

*The purpose of this newsletter is for you to get news about the school from the governors' perspective and to keep you informed about what the governors are doing.*

## **What Ofsted said about us:**

- The school offers a broad and balanced curriculum
- Additional funding to support disadvantaged pupils is being used effectively
- The school develops pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding well
- Safeguarding is strong because leaders have created a culture of vigilance
- Pupils are safe in school and their parents agree
- Pupils rise to the challenge and produce good-quality work
- Pupils have a positive attitude towards their learning and apply themselves well
- Pupils are articulate and their spoken language skills are good
- Pupils have good opportunities to take part in a range of extra-curricular clubs
- School provides opportunities for pupils to take responsibility
- The behaviour of pupils is good
- Leaders have created a calm, caring environment for pupils and parents agreed.
- Pupils' conduct during break and lunchtime is good
- Leaders are taking the necessary action to improve the school
- And lots more!

*Ofsted Report 2018*

## **Reflecting on the report**

Given all the positive things Ofsted said about Wenlock in their most recent report, as governors we are genuinely puzzled as to why they have judged us as "Requires Improvement".

The explanation we were given is that there has not been enough time to embed all the good measures the school has put in place since the last inspection.

Whilst the judgement has been extremely disappointing for us all, we take confidence from the fact that even Ofsted recognise the changes we have made to address previous short-comings and encourage us to keep those going.

The things they have identified as further needing improvement we were actually already working on (e.g. consistency of assessment, for pupils to make the progress they should in relation to their KS1 results and deepening their learning).

So it's onwards and upwards with confidence. Certainly the inspection result keeps us on our toes in ensuring every pupil thrives academically, as well as morally, spiritually, and socially.

With our best wishes,

The Governors