

TOWER BRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25th June 2015

Local Authority Review of Tower Bridge

On Friday 19th June three School Improvement Advisors from the Local Authority came to school to carry out a full review of Leadership, Teaching and Learning, Behaviour and Safety, Early Years and Attainment and Progress. They observed teaching, looked at children's books, spoke with children, observed in the playground and dinner hall, spoke with parents before school and met with the Leadership Team to discuss how well pupils are doing currently with their learning.

We are waiting for the final report but I wanted to share the headlines with you all:

Tower Bridge is now a good school.

They felt that the school has good capacity to improve further and the Leadership Team is strong.

Attainment and progress is good or better in some year groups.

Teaching and learning is good with areas of excellence. The lessons they saw were well pitched at the right level to provide good challenge and move pupils on in their learning. Lessons were also well planned to meet the needs of all pupils with different abilities in the class. Teachers questioning was good and there were also opportunities for the pupils to apply their knowledge in a practical way. Displays and working walls supported children's learning well and they saw children taking pride in their work.

Behaviour for learning was good and transitions were smooth. The progress seen in some of the books was outstanding. **Support from Teaching Assistants was also good.**

Behaviour and Safety was good with areas of excellence. The children were polite and positive. They said they feel safe at all times. They understand the routines and expectations and think that they are fair. They support and care for each other well.

Early Years is good with some outstanding practice. They particularly liked the Learning Journeys kept to show how well the children are doing.

The last review was carried out in September 2013, just before Ofsted inspection. The school was then told it Required Improvement.

I am sure that you would want to join me in thanking everyone for all their hard work that has enabled the school to make the steps forward that we have and will continue to move Tower Bridge towards further improvement.

Federation

This week the children at Tower Bridge and Snowfields Primary Schools were consulted about the federation. They were invited to give their views during the assembly and to speak to their teachers or a member of the leadership team before the deadline on July 7th. Some of the children raised similar questions, so we just want to clarify that:

- Both schools will keep their own names and own individual identities.
- Children will not be moved into another school building.
- Some joint lessons and trips will take place
- The schools will not be merging into one school, we will remain 2 schools working together

We hope this helps answer questions you may have. Remember that a member of the Leadership Team will be available to speak to on Thursday 2nd July or please contact the office to speak to us further.

The consultation closes on Tuesday 7th July.

Important Dates

Tuesday 30th June Year 5 Secondary Transfer Meeting

Friday 3rd July Y6 Show

Wednesday 8th July Y6 School Journey

Thursday 16th July Y6 Leaver's Assembly

Term dates for 2014-2015

Summer Term

Tuesday 14th April – Friday 22nd May 2015

Half term – 25th May – 29th May 2015

Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2015

Term dates for 2015-2016

Autumn Term

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 23rd October 2015

Half term – 26th October – 30th October 2015

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2015

Spring Term

Tuesday 5th January – 12th February 2016

Half term – 15th February – 19th February 2016

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 24th March 2016

Summer Term

Tuesday 12th April – Friday 27th May 2016

Half term – 30th May – 3rd June 2016

Monday 6th June – Friday 15th July 2016

Attendance

Week beginning: 15th June: 95.1%

Class	Number of absences	Number of lates	Points
Year 1	5	5	375
Year 2	11	6	275
Year 3	4	8	475
Year 4	10	6	525
Year 5	4	3	1100
Year 6	6	7	750

1st = 75 points (100 points for 0)

2nd = 50 points

3rd = 25 points

You can win points for your class by being in school every day and getting here on time.

