

TOWER HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL | GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER – 2024

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Introduction

We are coming to the end of another term at Tower Hill and what a busy term it has been. As always the staff and the children have worked extremely hard and have continued to do so right until the end of term as shown through their fantastic Christmas concerts and productions. The hugely successful Christmas Fair also needs a mention – thank you to everybody who came along to support by playing the games and buying the lovely things on offer in order to raise such a tremendous amount of money.

We can't let the term end without mentioning Ofsted. We have all been waiting a long time for Ofsted to visit Tower Hill so that we can show them what a truly amazing school it is and I am sure that you will agree that the staff and children did a wonderful job as they do each and every day to provide the very best education for your children. Well done Team Tower Hill!

RING – Relevant, Interesting, Naughty and a bit of a Giggle!

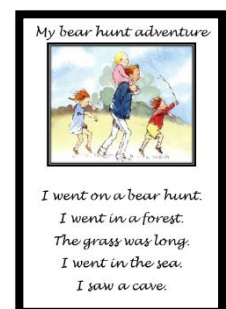
At Tower Hill, we are very proud of the curriculum and the way that it is delivered by the staff. We have witnessed first-hand the RING Philosophy in action and have seen how it can inspire and motivate the children with their learning in all areas of the curriculum from Iron Men crashing into school to inspire writing to giant spiders looking for their next meal and needing to be persuaded that it isn't one of the children!

Children of all ages learn best when they can see a purpose to what they are doing, when they can see that what they are doing is real and has meaning. With this at the forefront of their minds, teachers plan engaging and exciting lessons in all subjects.

When teaching using the RING approach, children often forget that they are learning as they become highly engaged in solving a problem, helping somebody or even cracking codes. The children are still learning the new skills and knowledge but often without realising it!!

Take a look at some of the work and experiences that has been produced by the children using this RING approach.

In Year 1, the children went on a Bear Hunt to support their learning in writing and as a result produced some excellent written outcomes.



The children in Year 3 took part in an Egyptian Day where they learnt to mummify fish. They became Egyptian embalmers for the day to fully immerse themselves in the experience.



Zeus, the almighty King of the Gods, came to visit Year 6. The children took part in their own Olympics, cooked and tasted Greek food, made their own footwear as well as prepared offerings to Zeus. This immersive day brought all of their History learning together for the event.



A word from the Governors about Ofsted

As a Governing Body, we would like to extend our congratulations to Miss Ovenden and the whole team at Tower Hill Primary School for the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. If you have not taken the time to read the report yet, we would really encourage you to do so as it is a wonderful read, and really captures the heart of the school.

We are all extremely proud of the opening comments from the inspector "Pupils love coming to Tower Hill. They know their teachers care about them. They benefit greatly from a range of activities that help to support their social and emotional needs."

Whilst the report reflects the incredible work the inspector and his team were shown over the two days they were at the school, as Governors, we are privileged to get to see the 'behind the scenes' work taking place every single day that goes into making Tower Hill the exceptional school it is. We are all very proud to see the contents of the report and the recognition from the inspector towards the quality of teaching and the level of commitment all members of staff give to the school.

We hope that as parents of children at the school, you are all proud of the comments made by the inspector about the behaviour of the pupils during the inspection. We witness this when we complete our visits to the school and all governors agree that the best part of this role is interacting with the children! From all the Governors, we wish you all a happy Christmas time and an enjoyable Christmas break.



Introducing a new Co-opted Governor, Mrs Linda Wells

I have recently joined the board of governors at Tower Hill Primary. I have two Grandchildren at the school. I have just retired from a local Junior school after serving 26 years as the bursar so hope to bring a little bit of my knowledge to help in any way I can.

From the moment I walked through the door at Tower Hill the children and staff have been so welcoming, the children's enthusiasm for their learning and their school is so very evident and I'm looking forward to being part of the journey with everyone and hopefully making a difference.

At Tower Hill Primary School our core vision is that ALL children will be equipped with the skills, knowledge, understanding and empathy that will lead to them being able to make their own choices in life, successfully.