

### **GOVERNORS' NEWS**

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## "Nurturing every child, encouraging their knowledge and talents, preparing them to lead useful and fulfilling lives."

This is the vision for Bernards Heath Junior School - what we aim to achieve for all of the children during their four years with us. For the complete **new Vision and Values Statement**, please see overleaf.

Whilst the underlying ethos of BHJS remains the same, much has changed in recent years both at the school itself as it expanded in size, and within the wider world of education and society. This year, now that we have stabilised as a full three-form-entry school, seemed the appropriate time to revisit our Vision and Values Statement and consider how best to define and publicise the identity of our school and what our key purpose is.

#### Just a collection of words and a tree?

**Your first impression** may be that this is just an arrangement of nice-sounding words rather than a meaningful definition of the school. There has, however, been a structured process to arrive both at this new 'poster-style' format and its contents. Through lively and lengthy joint discussions involving the school's senior leaders, teachers and governors, these words were identified as representing the most important characteristics of the school that define its ethos and underpin how we operate on a daily basis.

#### The school ethos brought to life

By displaying these characteristics as individual words rather than a list of statements, different messages can be accessed about the school every time you glance at the poster. It catches the eye, it is bold, it is memorable, but most importantly, it can be used as a living and working document for the school. The statement will be very visible, on display in all the classrooms, and in other prominent places around the school, as well as on the website. It will form the basis for activities and discussions in assemblies and class circle time. It will be referred to by staff when addressing behaviour issues. In short, this statement will never be a document that is just filed away.

#### "United in Learning"

One defining element that has remained constant is "United in Learning", although its significance has evolved over the years. Originally it was introduced to represent the united approach adopted by the two Bernards Heath schools. Whilst we still work very closely with our linked infant school, "United in Learning" has come to represent more the team approach taken within the junior school to all aspects of its work, across all staff and year groups, senior leaders and governors. Our hope is that you, our parents and carers, also feel you can relate to all the different elements of the new Vision and Values Statement and are proud to consider yourselves an integral part of the Bernards Heath Junior School community.



Enrichment Achievement

# Enjoyment Inspiration Knowing Every Child

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