

Debden Primary Academy Annual Report

Deben Primary Academy has benefitted from some significant updates to its outdoor area, which the children have enjoyed this year. An all-weather astro-turf pitch was installed for the start of the 2018/19 academic year and has been well-used by the children during break times, PE sessions and other sporting events. A traversing wall (similar to an artificial climbing wall) was installed then decorated by our parental community; this adds extra interest and enhances the existing play equipment.

Positive staff changes have included the recruitment of a substantive SENDCO, who has a wealth of specialist teaching experience. We have also welcomed a member of our local community to join us as a class teacher, while one of our teachers is on maternity leave. Staff and children are feeling very excited about the new appointment of Mr Matthew Hawley for the position of Head of School for September. Class teachers and leaders continue to work with staff at Great Chesterford, the other school within our Multi Academy Trust, to share good practice. Plus, we welcomed Julie Puxley, Executive Headteacher from Katherine Semar Schools and David Rogers, Headteacher at Bentfield Primary School in March to review practices at the school and identify potential areas to develop further.

Children have enjoyed several extra-curricular learning opportunities this year: Stansted Airport, The House on the Hill Toy Museum and Cambridge University; sporting events such as sports-hall athletics, hockey matches and the KS1 dance festival; plus curriculum enrichment events such as Geography Day, World Book Day and World Poetry Day. We have enjoyed welcoming parents to class assemblies, STEM afternoons and the GPS/maths workshops.

Our links with St Mary's Church and our Vicar, John Saxon, remain strong. John regularly leads worship and has a regular presence in school. He is Vice Chair of the Local Governing Body and provides an excellent level of pastoral care for staff and pupils.

We look forward to building on the successes of this year moving forwards.

Joanne Fradd

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