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PRIMARY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES

Last week the Year 6 SATs results were published for Primary Schools across England. The Northwich Guardian published a table ranking the 30 local schools and we are in the bottom four. It is important to note that this table only shows the combined percentage for pupils achieving the National Standard at the end of Year 6 in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, and as such is limited in its overall value.

The Northwich Education Partnership has responded to the publication of these tables. Simon Kidwell, NAHT regional representative and head teacher of a Northwich school said, 'Our partnership of schools believes that taking a single measure and producing league tables is unhelpful; in fact, the Government stopped publishing ranked lists some years ago and as a group we raised concerns about how the results were interpreted in 2016. The results published by the DfE today show a range of indicators including progress scores and average scaled scores, if all of these judgements are taken into account a more accurate picture of how well each school is performing can be seen and league table positions would look very different nationally and locally. Our partnership asks all parents and carers to treat tables of results with caution, each school and each cohort of children is different, children with wide ranging starting points make good progress across all Northwich schools. As a partnership we work closely together to ensure the best possible outcomes for all children.'

Two years ago Leftwich Primary School was ranked in the top 6 schools in Cheshire West and Chester with 100% pupils achieving expected standards. The results this year were disappointing, but we are the same school with the same committed team and we are incredibly proud of the progress those children made from their various starting points and it would be disheartening to think that one league table could take this away from them.

We have much to celebrate:

- Year 6 writing results that were above national
- Year 2 results were above national in all subjects
- The Good Level of Development for Reception Class was above National.

The data in the league tables is obviously not news to us and we have been addressing this since July. We have fantastic support from our Governing Body whose job it is to hold us to account. If any parent would like to join our hard working governing body then please do not hesitate to contact the current Chair, Mrs Kate Allen: kallen@leftwichprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

GOODBYE!



This week we are sadly saying goodbye to Miss Claire Hawkes who has been a TA here for 16 years. Many of you will know her and most of the children in school have been supported by her. She is a much loved member of our team and during the last few years she has been an active member of the PTFA and an integral part of the football coaching team... What will Mr. Rob do without her?! In fact, what will any of us do without her?! She is leaving to be closer to family and we wish her every happiness as she ventures to pastures new.

We are sure you would like to join us in thanking her for the hard work and dedication she has shown to all the children she has worked with during her time at Leftwich. Goodbye Miss Hawkes, we'll miss you!!!

GOOD LUCK AND SEE YOU SOON...



Mrs Natalie O'Neill and Miss Clare Danielles leave us this week to begin their maternity leave. We wish them both the very best and look forward to the safe arrival of their babies.

HELLO AGAIN TO...

Mrs Sarah Ozturk, who will be covering Mrs O'Neill's maternity leave in Year 2 and Mrs Chloe Lindsey who will be covering for Miss Danielles. Both ladies have worked at Leftwich before and know us well. We look forward to working with them both.

We wish you all a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!



We look forward to seeing
you all on
Monday 8th January 2018.