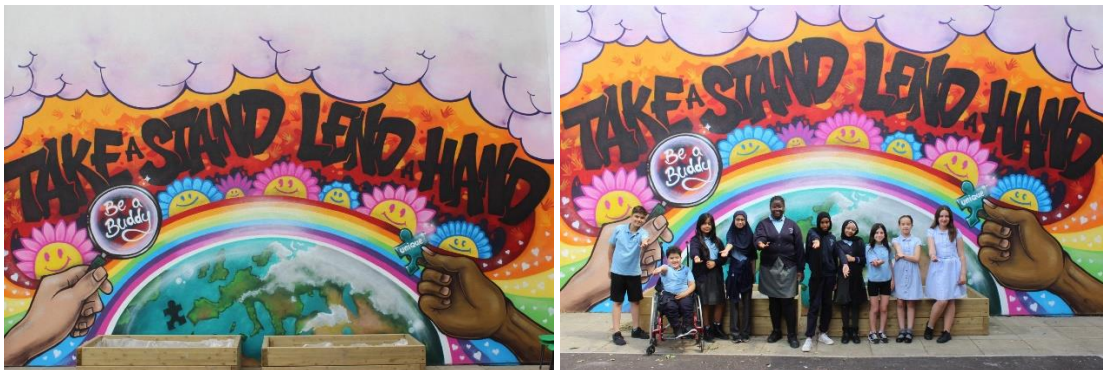


Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery Chair of Governors Report 2022-2023

This year has been a significant year for all of us at Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery. In November we successfully moved into a brand new, state of the art building, equipped with all the facilities, equipment and open space our school so desperately needed, and deserved! The facilities for all our pupils are now fit for purpose and it provides a safe learning environment for them to thrive. Having visited the school several times since the move, I can vouch for the open and calm atmosphere the school has adopted since the move. A massive thank you goes to all the staff (especially the Facilities team) for making the move so seamless!



You'll have also noticed the newest beautiful artwork that now sits on our School external wall! A massive thank you to all the pupils who contributed to the mural. I was pleased to hear that this, and lots of other hard work went a long way in supporting our accreditation process for Gold status as a Rights Respecting School. Our pupils spoke animatedly and intellectually about their understanding of children's rights, well done to all those involved and we await the decision in the new year!



Governors have also been overseeing how the leadership team in school is implementing the School Development Plan and how leaders are further enriching the foundation subjects. The school's investment in training and refining the foundation subjects especially Art, Geography and French, to be more inclusive and reflective of the school's ethnicity demographic has been excellent. We visited the school this year to see this work in progress and were impressed with the pupils' enthusiasm to Mr Doodle and Victoria doll making!

As Governors we have been focusing on the school's budget and the impact this will have on future decision making. The cost-of-living crisis, the changes to school budget allocation and the general changes to the borough means Elmgrove is always adapting. Earlier this year, I wrote to the Local Authority to outline concerns about their budgeting principles, especially for those who have SEN. We were pleased to see; the Local Authority is now undertaking a review into their financial framework for

SEN. We will be actively engaging in this consultation when it begins to ensure the best outcome for our pupils.

For every school, the imminent and unknown arrival of Ofsted is always daunting, but at the time of writing this report, they still had not arrived it has been over 5 years since our last inspection. I am sure that when Ofsted do arrive, both the staff, pupils and community will demonstrate how brilliant and inclusive our school is. A massive thank you goes to all the staff team who have been and, continue to prepare for this inspection.



It would be great to see more parents involved in the Parent Staff Association next year. The Winter Fair and Party in the Playground events require support in order to take place and we thank the handful of parents who were able to support but are always looking for more parents to get involved, so please make yourself known to the office staff, Mrs Young or Mrs Long if you are able!



Thank you to all our wonderful pupils for all their hard work this year. But most importantly, thank you parents and guardians for continuing to support the school.

Misha Upadhyaya
Chair of Governors at Elmgrove Primary School and nursery