

Weekly Update



Friday 23rd February 2024

OFSTED

Monday morning, we were happily welcoming the pupils back to school and sharing our half term adventures when we had a call from OFSTED. The lead inspector then had a long conversation about our school before arriving on Tuesday morning. Immediately the three inspectors jumped into action, meeting with staff, children, governors, and representatives of our Trust.

They were a team of very experienced educators with the lead inspector spending the last 19 years as an HMI (who I had had the honour of working with in a previous setting before I had moved to Redditch Schools 10 years ago). They spent time in classes, looked at books and even spent time with Sharon Webb the keeper of our safeguarding register, known as the single central record, gathering evidence to inform several judgements about the school.

After two positive days, leaders and governors had feedback that will now be compiled into Arrow Valley's first OFSTED report. This report will be sent to us soon for a fact check, returned to OFSTED for a final proofread before we will be able to share the outcome. We should be able to share before Easter.

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to complete the feedback forms, they matter and are part of the evidence that is used to inform the judgement of the school. What I can share is that Arrow Valley is 'lovely' and your children are wonderful. One of the pupils even taught a member of the team how to spell 'oesophagus'.

I think I should probably mention the staff- they really are something! It has been a while since OFSTED has visited this building and it has been quite a journey. Thanks to all of you, even Mrs Lehal who insisted on meeting with the inspector via TEAMS despite being in India with family. This school is a magical little place, and you should all be very proud of yourselves.

Oh, and thank you for supporting us in our delay of trips and parents' evenings. We thought long and hard about making those decisions but looking at an exhausted team we made the right choice and without Herons present it would not have been a true representation our school.

ATTENDANCE

Mice	Squirrels	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Mallards	Hérons
78.33%	98.75%	94.55%	98.46%	93.75%	97.31%

AWARDS

	Star of the week	Valued Valley Values
Mice	Frankie A	Henos
Squirrels	Damon	Vladimir
Hedgehogs	Maddison	Viktor
Badgers	Ava	Maddison
Mallards	Eden	Oliver
Hérons	Harry M	Freddie

DATES

PARENTS EVENING NEXT WEEK- STAFF WILL COMMUNICATE VIA DOJO WHAT THIS WILL LOOK LIKE.

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day- (dress as your favourite book character or your favourite PJ's so you can snuggle up with a good book)

Term ends Friday 22nd March 2024

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday!