



Connaught
Junior School
"Caring, Confident, Committed"

Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Connaught Parents and Carers,

As you know, Connaught Junior School underwent a Section 8 Inspection on March 8th and 9th this year. The school was put through a thorough inspection with the HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) over two days as he scrutinised paperwork, planning, books and safeguarding. He conducted lesson visits and talked to children, staff, parents, leaders, governors and TAMAT trustees.

I am very pleased to be able to make this report available to you and express how delighted I am with the outcome.

As a school previously judged to be good in our last inspection in 2017, the best outcome we could have hoped for this time was that there was **'enough evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school could be judged outstanding if we were to carry out a section 5 inspection now.'** We are all immensely proud that this was the result!

At Connaught Junior School, I am lucky enough to be surrounded by a committed and skilled team of people and this was picked up strongly by the inspector. He felt **'that teachers have expert knowledge and use their expertise to break challenging concepts into manageable steps for pupils.'** And that **'teachers create effective and engaging lesson routines to ensure all pupils are involved.'** It was very pleasing that the inspector noted that, **'Pupils achieve exceptionally well.'**

Teachers and TAs/LSAs were commended for their support of all children, particularly those with SEND. Mrs Littlewood, as our Inclusion Leader, works incredibly hard by guiding our support staff in ensuring that children who have different learning needs are catered for.

Reading was highlighted as a real strength at the school. Approximately three years ago, I said to Mrs Saunders that I wanted Connaught to be known as a Reading School. She picked up that challenge and ran with it. The inspector noted, **'There is a highly positive reading culture in the school. Pupils look forward to reading independently or sharing books as a class.'**

Mrs Saunders also has an overview of the curriculum and has been instrumental in ensuring there is strength in every subject. Each subject leader has worked incredibly hard on 'sticky' knowledge and skills progression.

'Leaders have thought about what they want pupils to know and remember in each subject.'

Headteacher: Miss S McGann

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs K Saunders

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Great strength was also found in our safeguarding procedures and regular training (again, provided by Mrs Saunders) which the inspector described verbally to us as 'relentless'. We pride ourselves at Connaught on providing a safe environment for our pupils. ***'Pupils feel incredibly safe here.'***

It was also very pleasing to see that the inspector recognised that ***'Behaviour at this school is exemplary. This is underpinned by the school's values of being 'caring, confident and committed''***. The children here are always amazing and I was so proud to see them demonstrating our core values. They certainly did us all proud!

In the Parentview survey, 96% of you said that you would recommend us to another parent. Thank you! I know that many parents spoke to the inspector personally as he stood outside the school gates. Thank you for taking the time and trouble to do that.

He was impressed with our personal development programme, The Leader in Me, and all the different leadership roles that are available to the children. ***'Leaders prioritise pupils' personal development and this is a strength of the school.'*** and ***'Pupils feel proud to contribute to their school by taking on roles within the 'pupil parliament'.'***

We firmly believe at Connaught that positive relationships are crucial to a successful school and this was recognised during the inspection, ***'There are strong relationships between staff and pupils, built on mutual respect.'***

The report frequently mentions leaders, teachers and TAs/LSAs but I wanted to highlight other support staff who contribute so much to our fantastic school – the wonderful office staff and site manager. Thank you for all you do.

At Connaught, we are all immensely pleased of what we have achieved and today I am a very proud Headteacher. Although this outcome means that we are to expect another inspection in between 12 and 24 months, I say, "Bring it on!"

Kind regards
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