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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that the academic year 21/22 is finally coming to an end! I am not quite sure where the year has gone, but we have certainly packed a huge amount in.

Without doubt, the highlight for us has been filling the school with the community and being able to share some wonderful learning and wonderful memories with you in the final term.

Celebration

Congratulations to our anti-bullying ambassadors who won the Paul Heim award at the Somerset Anne Frank Youth Awards, attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset last week, as well as the Bullying Intervention Group Award for Excellence.

Congratulations to Year 6 for 2 amazing performances of Aladdin. It was a real joy for us to see how confident our children have become during their time with us.

Congratulations to Year 2 who performed 7 songs to their parents last Thursday, all with wonderful messages within them.

We had the joy of sharing their learning and books with you all, which is just as important to us as I know it was to you. We are so proud of the academic work your children have done this year!

Congratulations to our Eco6 team and Eco Club who have been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award for all of their hard work.

Congratulations to our Early Years classes of 21/22 – we thoroughly enjoyed their graduation.

We have also been presented with the Bronze School Games Award!

Academic Achievement

We met with the Director for Education at the LSP at the end of the week and reviewed our pupil outcomes. We are exceptionally proud of how well we have done compared to other Trust schools and the national outcomes that have been published. At the heart of our ethos is doing the best for each child – this is why this is so important to us. To have done so well in every single measure is not a happy coincidence and we thank you for your partnership **and emphasise the amazing work our staff team have done**, not just this year but over the last 3. We also thank our governing body for their challenge and support and our school improvement advisor, Shireen Hayes.

You should all be exceptionally proud of the achievements of your children across the curriculum, one that has been carefully designed and is broad and balanced.

The Final Curtain Call

So, as we ready ourselves for the emotional goodbyes to some of our children and families we thank Mr Corns, Miss Levy, Mrs Hardwidge, Mrs Mattson, Miss Muscaty, Miss Rego and Miss Stone for their contribution to our school and wish them the very best for the future.

We thank our record-breaking Year 6 for the wonderful memories they leave us with and wish them every future success and happiness when Thursday finishes.

New Joiners

Mrs Mawdsley, Miss Woodyatt, Mrs Bamford, Mrs Harris, Mrs Hiscocks, Mrs Sale, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Turner will be taking up new posts with us in September.

We look forward to welcoming them and our 2 new Reception classes to the school family.

Thanks – we would like to recognise these often-unsung heroes

- Our SMSA Team
- Our Admin Team
- Our Site Team
- GymClubs
- Aspens, the caterers.
- Our Cleaning team and in particular, Kerry and Jo!
- Our Governing Body and their Chair, Mrs Dawes
- The FOS Team and their Chairs, Tara T and Jude W
- From the Trust – Gary Lewis CEO, Louise Malik CFOO
- All the other professionals that have worked with our staff and children this year

Thank you for your kindness, patience, understanding and for all of your support during this academic year. We have loved having you back in school this term! Have a wonderful summer break whatever you are doing.

Kind Regards

Richard Riordan

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