

Knowsley Junior School

Respecting each other, succeeding together.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to be able to share with you the report following our recent Ofsted inspection.

The report reflects so much of what makes our school such a special place: our wonderful children, our dedicated staff and the caring, supportive community that surrounds us. I would particularly like to thank you, our parents and carers, for the encouragement, trust and support you continue to give the school. Your partnership is incredibly important to us, and it was lovely to see the positive views of parents and carers recognised within the report.

Most importantly, I am immensely proud of our children. Inspectors described pupils as proud to be part of a "caring and harmonious school", highlighting their positive relationships, their polite and friendly behaviour and the pride they take in their achievements. They also recognised that our children feel safe and well looked after, enjoy coming to school and are typically well-prepared for the challenges of secondary school.

There is much for us to celebrate. Ofsted recognised our ambitious and engaging curriculum, the way teachers deliver learning well and the priority we place on reading and developing children's basic skills. Inspectors also highlighted the effective support provided for children with SEND and the progress made in writing, grammar and mathematics.

I was especially pleased that the report captures the inclusive and nurturing nature of our school. Inspectors recognised that children with different starting points and learning needs are warmly embraced and that we have the same high ambitions for every child. They also recognised the high-quality support we provide for children's wellbeing and the wide range of opportunities available through trips, visits, sport, music and positions of responsibility.

Our staff deserve enormous credit. They care deeply about our children and work incredibly hard every day to give them the very best experience of school. Following a period of change, it is particularly encouraging that Ofsted recognised the rapid improvement in staff morale and wellbeing and the positive impact of recent changes within the school. I am extremely grateful to every member of our team for their professionalism, commitment and, above all, the kindness and care they show our children.

Of course, an inspection should also help a school to identify where it can become even better. The report identifies next steps around strengthening our systems and oversight, further developing professional learning for staff, continuing to strengthen governance and developing pupils' basic skills in number and grammar.

I want to reassure families that these priorities are already identified within our School Development Plan for this year and work is underway. We know what we want to improve, and we have a clear plan for getting there. Rather than seeing these next steps as the end of an inspection, we see them as part of an exciting period of positive change and development for Knowsley.

There is already a real sense of momentum at school. The report recognises the recent improvements taking place in leadership and governance and, importantly, notes our shared commitment to putting pupils' interests at the forefront and making our school the very best it can be. We are excited about the changes taking place and about what the next chapter will bring for our children, staff and whole school community.

Finally, I want to say thank you. Thank you to our children, who represented their school so brilliantly and who make us proud every day. Thank you to our staff for everything they give to our school. And thank you to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support, encouragement and belief in what we are working together to achieve.

We have much to celebrate, much to look forward to and, as always, our children will remain at the heart of every decision we make.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Bunn'.

Mr T Bunn
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