Shropshire Church of England Academies Trust

News and updates from the Local Governing Board

SIAMS

We were delighted with the outcome of our recent SIAMS inspection (though not at all surprised!). SIAMS stands for 'Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools'. Church of England and Methodist schools are subject to SIAMS inspection approximately every five years. Inspectors must answer 6 or 7 inspection questions, enabling them to evaluate the school's effectiveness as a Church school. Here at Bicton, we received the highest possible rating, and it was a joy to be part of the inspection process. On behalf of the governors, thank you so much to all who were involved. The full report can be read here- SIAMS-report-Bicton-Church-of-England-Primary-School-and-Nursery-150702-22012026-2.pdf , but here are a few highlights:

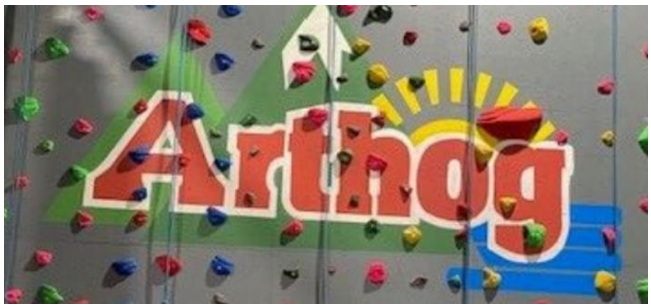
'The Christian vision and associated values of peace, perseverance, joy and love are well established within the school. This encourages a nurturing culture where pupils and adults learn to respect and value one another.'

'Strong relationships with the school's wider community, the local church and diocesan partners enhance the effectiveness of Bicton as a Church school. They create a supportive, caring network that deepens the vision's impact and fosters a sense of living life to the full.'

'Pupils demonstrate a secure understanding of justice and responsibility, shaped by the school's vision and values. This is evident in the way that they care for one another and engage in developing the school. Through taking on a wide range of leadership and pastoral responsibilities, they make an active contribution to school life. Pupils use the values to discuss what is fair and just within their own lives. They know that along with rights come responsibilities. The eco group challenges others to

care for the earth and make ethical choices through recycling and reusing. They understand they must take care of their environment so that everyone can enjoy it. 'God created our world; it is important we look after it.' They are keen to enhance the school and make a positive difference to the wellbeing of others in the community. For example, working to raise awareness of dementia or writing to the local council to request the installation of a zebra crossing. Pupils raise funds to support a range of charities and consider how they can have an impact on the lives of others through support and giving. They understand how they can act responsibly to have a positive influence within the wider world.'

So much to be encouraged by! Thank you all.



A huge thank-you to staff who took the children to Arthog this term- what an amazing experience the children had- we are so grateful to all who enabled this trip to happen.

Governor Visits

This term governor visits have happened for English, Maths, Worship and RE. It was my privilege to attend an assembly given by a year 6 pupil, all about organ transplants and donation- engaging, inspirational and full of humour too!

Hannah Lins (link governor for RE and Worship)

Happy Easter!

May we also take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter! Thank you all so much for all that you do to support the school, we are so, so grateful.

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