

Dear Readers,

Yesterday evening I had the real pleasure of watching the Geoffrey Field Dancers of all years performing to relatives and friends. I stood at the back remembering that street dance started at Geoffrey Field 6 years ago with just 5 or 6 dancers and last night- 6 years on we had over 100 on the stage performing to a superb standard. One of those dancers from 6 years ago- Ethan Hussain, is now studying at a top dance college in London and has every chance of becoming a professional. I told this story to the dancers last night and went on to tell them that any of them could follow Ethan's footsteps if they wanted. Dance has become a real specialism of Geoffrey field's.

This evening was the crowning glory of what has proved to be another successful year at Geoffrey Field Junior. Each year we strive to offer more choice and opportunity to our children. Dance is just one of fifteen clubs we currently offer and our two dance professionals are just 2 of a team of 7 specialists we employ to enrich the curriculum and to bring expertise and opportunity.

Incidentally we are always on the look- out for pupils showing exceptional talent in unusual areas. This year whilst at Rhos y Gwaliau teachers noticed a year 5 girl showing particular talent in rock climbing. She now attends a weekly climbing club in Reading and has just gained her first certificate.

I have to say it was a real pleasure for all of us to see the opening of Ufton court this year as our outdoor residential centre for all the children of Whitley. The schools in the area have been working hard for years now to raise the funds to complete it. Our plan is that every child in their time at Geoffrey Field will have had a residential experience there. For many this will be their first time away from home in a challenging environment. Between May and July this year all of year 4s stayed there and had a splendid experience. Some others from other years will be staying there during the summer break

Yet again our children in year 6 have done extremely well in SATs. They have progressed well as they have passed through the school.

Sadly, as happens at the end of every year, some people in our school are moving on. This year we are losing Miss McNamara who has been covering maternity leave for Miss Bunker, Mrs Alvarez who is leaving us to do a master's degree in art and Mrs Daniels who is moving to the North of England. They will all be greatly missed but I have to particularly highlight the contribution of Mrs Daniels to Geoffrey Field. She has taught here for 18 years, coming first of all as a student and subsequently making her way onto the leadership team through a whole variety of different roles that she has taken on to the benefit of all.

Then of course there are the year 6 children who leave to embark on the next stage of their education. They should be very proud of all they have achieved. They leave us fully ready for secondary school . I'm proud to say they will always be Geoffrey Field children and we wish them every success and happiness.

Finally I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful summer break and to those parents whose children are leaving us I would like to offer our thanks for all your support over the years.

Charlie Clare Headteacher