



Governor Visit Report

Name	June Yee
Date of Visit	23 rd March 2023
Focus of Visit	Mandarin
Classes/staff visited	Classes in years 5 and 6

Summary of activities e.g. observing classes, talking to staff and pupils, looking at resources, had lunch etc.

Spoke to LM and the Mandarin teacher, Vivien Hom, on how Mandarin is being taught. Mandarin classes take place one day per week for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 for 35 to 40 minutes per session. They begin to learn Mandarin by looking at everyday words such as body parts, family members and numbers. They do number counting, games and songs. They use pinyin for pronunciation of the words.

I spoke to some pupils about the Mandarin classes. They were very enthusiastic about the lessons, and they enjoyed learning. They said that they felt confident speaking Mandarin outside of school.

Year 5 class recited classroom instructions with VH. These were words that they had learnt in Year 4. They warmed up with singing a song. They spoke about hobbies after that. New words which they had learnt were put into their books. Finally, they had a listening test which went very well.

Year 6 class looked at transport and places e.g., Where are you going to? I go to..... They had to get the order of words in the right place in the sentence i.e., sentence construction. In the other Year 6 class they looked at modes of transport. VH reminded them of the pronunciation of the pinyin words. There was another test at the end of this.

How do you feel this visit has helped you to develop your role as a Governor?

I felt the same enthusiasm that the pupils did about them learning Mandarin and I can see how good the teaching is on this subject.

Positive comments about the focus

It was lovely to see how the children really enjoyed these classes. It was pointed out to me that some children who might struggle in other subjects or who are usually quiet in class actively participated in these classes, putting their hand up when the teacher asked a question.

Aspects I would like clarified / questions I have

None

Ideas for future visits

Any other comments

I would like to thank Lynne Mearns for organising the visit and to Mrs Hom for allowing me to observe her classes.

Signed: June Yee

Governor:

Date: 24/03/23

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Headteacher:

Date: