

## Results and progress across the school judged as outstanding **Ben Carter, Principal**

**All pupils across the school were recently assessed in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science.**

Based on the pupil results across all of the year groups the pupils are attaining well in all subject areas and in particular Reading and Mathematics.

Our pupils continue to make fast progress, despite entering the school with low levels of attainment and

our Year 6 pupils are projected to leave the school with attainment that is above national averages.

This second assessment point (AP2) achievement during the school year has also been externally reviewed by a retired senior government school inspector and has been judged as outstanding, which also reflects the quality of teaching in the school.

## Final phase of playground development coming soon!

**A meeting was held recently with our playground designers, Erect Architecture, to progress the final phase of our playground development, which is being generously funded by the Mercers' Company and the Tower Hill Trust.**

The proposed development includes at least two new canopies, a forest trail and a sand and water play area in the Foundation stage playground. A copy of the proposed plans is shown on the next page.

The works will be scheduled for the summer break, to ensure all pupils are able to enjoy the benefits of the new structures at the start of the new school year.



*What one of our new canopies might look like*

## Code Club Update

**Eve Pinchin, ICT Coordinator**

**Code club has been running at Culloden Primary Academy since the summer term of 2014.**

It has grown each term so we now have a group of 20 pupils. A team of brilliant volunteers from Morgan Stanley run the sessions where the pupils use Scratch (a programming language) to write scripts that then instruct sprites how and where to move.

Each session lasts an hour and the pupils meet weekly with the volunteers for approximately 10 weeks, dependent on term length.



*A friendly volunteer giving assistance*

After the ten week programme we then offer code club to another set of pupils. However, we've found that many of the existing members enjoy it so much they decide that they would like to continue, so the group continues to get bigger and bigger!

## Mercers' Conference

Last month, Principal Ben Carter and governors Roddy Graham and Jeff Martin attended a Mercers' Governors Conference held at Mercers' Hall in the City of London.

The conference was both informative and useful in providing resources and training in governance. There were a range of speakers and presenters who provided governance-related advice. The event also enabled Culloden Primary Academy to further develop our relationship with the Mercers and their other associated schools, many of which are independent and secondary schools.

## Featured Governor, Amanda Fox

In each issue we feature one of our governors. Here Amanda Fox introduces herself and explains why she became a governor at Culloden.



I decided to stand as a Parent Governor as soon as my daughter started at Culloden. As the school was considering converting to an Academy, I attended some meetings that were arranged for parents and carers. I felt that the change would be a positive thing for the school and that if I were a Parent Governor I could help other parents through the transition who were either sceptical or worried about the changes ahead.

I believed that I would be a good candidate as I have considerable experience in the field of youth work within the Tower Hamlets community and was also used to sitting on management committees. I thought that it would be a great way for me to provide some input and help support my children's futures at the school.

Having been able to see how much work goes into running the school in order to provide our children with the best possible education, I now know that I made the right choice.

I currently work as a Midday Meals Supervisor at Old Ford Primary, one of the two other schools within Paradigm Trust. I treasure the time I spend with my children and family, especially as time is so precious as a working mother. I also volunteer in the Nursery at Old Ford, not only because I enjoy it so much but also because it is widening my experience and enhancing my career prospects.

## Mercers' ICT and Inclusion Project

Eve Pinchin, ICT Coordinator, has managed to secure funding from the Mercers' Fund for our ICT and Inclusion Project.

The funding has enabled us to purchase eight iPad minis, appropriate software and specialist advice and training from Hilary Norton, Tower Hamlets Advisory Teacher for ICT (Information & Communications Technology) and SEN (Special Educational Needs).

Hilary is working with us for one term, training staff in using ICT to promote communication and narrative skills in pupils with ASD and /or complex needs. The pupils are using these on a daily basis, enabling them to extend their developmental learning through an inclusive curriculum



Plans of how our playgrounds might look after the summer break

## Governing Body Members

Name	Type of Member	Committee Membership, Link responsibility
Mohammed Adam	Parent Governor	
Richard Brumby	Vice Chair-Appointed Governor	Chair of Finance, Premises and Health & Safety (H&S) Link Responsibility: English
Ben Carter	Principal	Finance, Premises and H&S Curriculum & Personnel
Amanda Fox	Parent Governor	Link Responsibility: Extended school
Roddy Graham	Appointed Governor (Mercer)	Finance, Premises and H&S Link Responsibility: Mathematics
David Gregory / Ana Silva	Assistant Principal Governor – Academy (Joint)	
Kultun Hussain	Parent Governor	
Alice Kadri	Appointed Governor	Chair of Curriculum & Personnel Link Responsibility: Special Educational Needs and Deaf Support Base
Jeff Martin	Chair – Appointed Governor	Finance, Premises and H&S Curriculum & Personnel Link Responsibility: Foundation Stage
Kyle McPhail	Support Staff Governor - Academy	
Soad Omer	Parent Governor	Curriculum & Personnel
Amanda Phillips	Executive Principal - Academy	Finance, Premises and H&S Curriculum & Personnel
Alesa Rahman	Co-opted Governor	Curriculum & Personnel
Sakina Syed	Parent Governor	Curriculum & Personnel Link Responsibility: Key Stage 1
Howard Tribe	Appointed Governor (Mercer)	Curriculum & Personnel Link Responsibility: Science
Alicia Whytock	Teacher Governor - Academy	

## Good luck Alice!

We're delighted to report that governor Alice Kadri and her husband are expecting their first baby in July.



Alice has worked tirelessly as a governor over the last few years. During that time she has also chaired our Curriculum & Personnel committee and held link responsibility for Special Educational Needs (SEN) and the Deaf Support Base (DSB).

Alice plans to spend her maternity leave in Brussels where her husband is currently working. We wish them both well and hope that Alice will be able to rejoin us next year.