

Squires Lane Learning Federation



GOVERNORS REPORT

October 2017

A Word From the Chair

It is two years since the formation of the Squires Lane Learning Federation, bonding Manorside and Tudor schools. Our vision for the Federation was two distinct schools, each with their own unique character, working together to ensure the best possible outcomes and provision for the children of our local community. Ms King's departure at the end of this term is an opportunity to reflect on the achievements to date and look forward to our aims and goals.



Manorside continues to deliver an outstanding teaching and learning experience across and beyond the curriculum. Tudor achieved one of the biggest challenges facing the federation in being judged 'Good' by Ofsted under the new framework. By joining together under the federation the schools retained their independence. Tudor was under the very real threat of falling under the control of an academy chain. With the wider financial pressures heightened by a shortage of school places, Manorside too was exposed to the possibility of a merger outside the control of the Governing Body and the community.

The platform of the federation allows us to work across both schools to develop shared experiences and best teaching practice. This is at a time when the sustainability of the single-form entry Primary School is coming under increasing financial pressure. Federating the two schools maintained their individual ethos whilst also introducing vital cost savings through combined services and leadership.

The Governing Body has changed dramatically and new members bring a breadth of skills and experiences to support the staff, offer informed criticism and ask challenging questions. The Governing Body is highly representative of the school community with parents and staff committed to the future development of the Federation. The strong roots that have been established by the federation are a reflection of Ms King's drive and vision. As we undertake the search for a new Executive Head Teacher, a fresh perspective will form the basis to deliver a strategy for a successful future.

The Governors continue to work towards the development of the two wonderful schools we have the privilege to represent. This report helps to outline our role, but more importantly celebrates the achievements of your children.

David Fox





Message from the Executive Head Sally King

As you are aware I have decided to resign from my post as Executive Head Teacher at the Squires Lane Learning Federation. This has not been an easy decision and not one that I have taken lightly. I have thoroughly enjoyed my roles over the last five years; particularly my role across our federation. It has been an incredibly exciting and rewarding journey.

I am so very proud of what we have achieved together. From the beginning the main motivation for developing a federation was to protect, as well as to develop, the community school provision in our area ensuring quality opportunity for all members of the school communities. I saw the federation model as a way in which we could achieve this and we have enjoyed great success so far.

I am so proud to have led Tudor through this chapter in their story. We were all thrilled when our hard work and progress was recognised by OFSTED when we were graded 'Good' after our inspection in June 2016.

It has been a pleasure to lead the team at Manorside ensuring that we are both maintaining and developing the outstanding provision for our school community which was re-affirmed during the Challenge Partners Review in January 2017.

I have really enjoyed the process of developing the federation from the initial consultation stage through to where we are now. I remain as committed as ever to ensuring that the federation model I'm handing over to the new Executive Head Teacher is strong and ready to move to the next exciting stage of its development. I believe that you will attract excellent candidates for this role who will be able to continue what we have started with new vision and new drive so that The Squires Lane Learning Federation will become a flagship federation that can support other schools in their journeys.

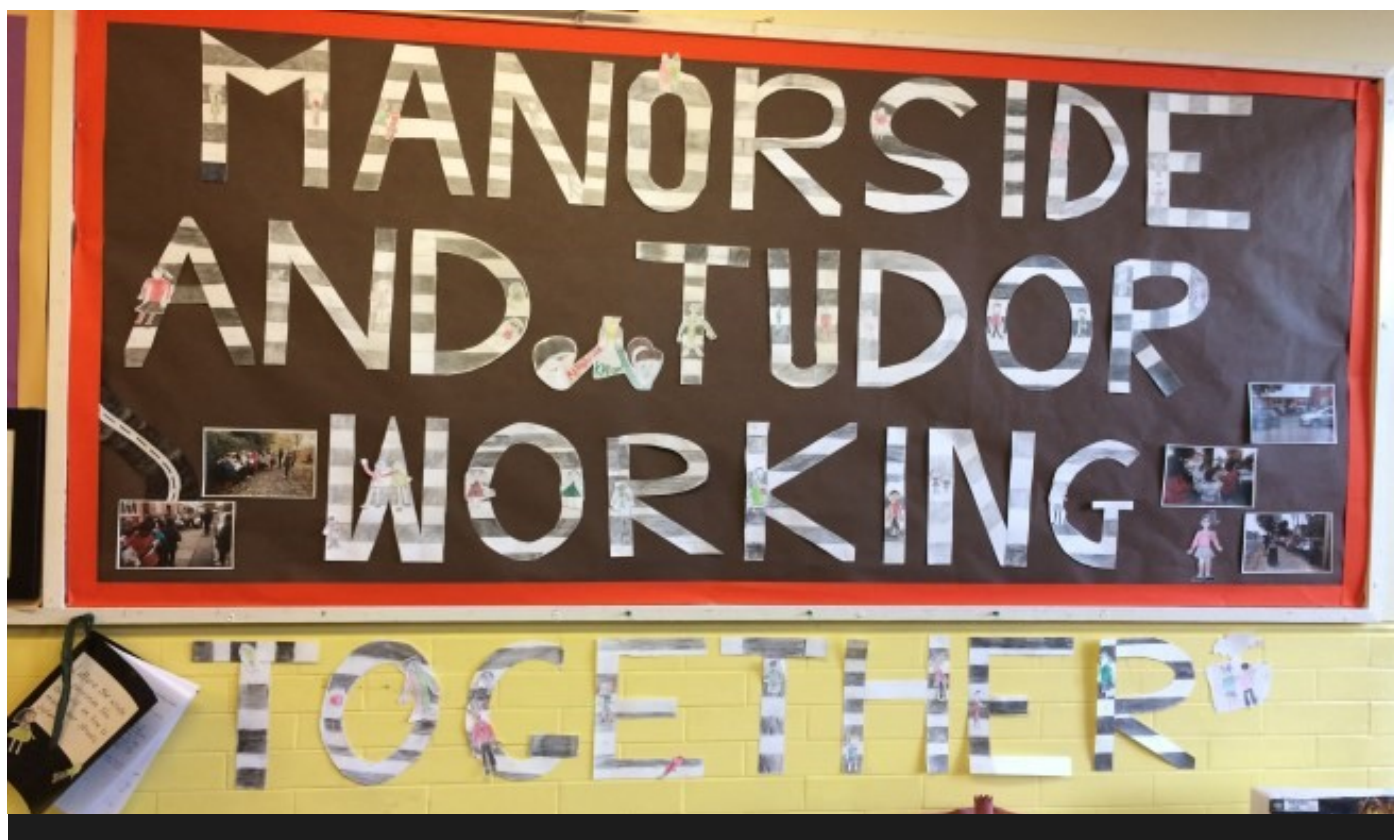
I have much appreciated the on-going support from members of both schools' communities during my time as Executive Head in particular Maria Lockwood, Wendy Rennie and David Fox, and I will always be grateful for the kindness and understanding that they have shown.

Finally I want to thank every child that has passed through both schools' doors during my time as leader. The children continue to inspire me every day and it is such a pleasure to watch them learn and grow and I really will miss them all greatly.

I am very proud that both schools continue put the children at the very heart of everything that we do – we continue to care deeply about their well-being and happiness as well as their academic progress. It is an honour to be in a position to make such difference to children and families lives and I know that the children in both schools reap the benefits of having such an amazing, supportive and inspiring start to their educational journey.

I wish everybody across the federation community all the best for the future.

Sally King



Governing Body Update

As governors we support the schools in a number of ways. As well as the termly full governing body meetings, we work closely with the senior leadership teams through the meeting of various Committees which cover a variety of different aspects of the schools activities. Our current committees are:

- Communications and Community
- Curriculum and Staff Development
- Finance Pay Resources and Premises
- Outcomes and Attainment
- Pupil Welfare.
- Chairs Committee

This year we have seen a number of changes to the members of the Governing board. We have said goodbye to Co-Opted Governors Mrs Nalini Depala and Dr Nicola Jones. We thank them for all their work and contribution. We have welcomed Co-Opted Governors Mrs Mihaela "Millie" Viera, Mr Tom Grey, Mrs Emma Collins and Miss Barbara 'Babs' Williams, and Parent Governor (Tudor) Dr Sarah Turle. Together they bring a wealth of expertise and experience to the board.

The board still has two vacancies and we will be looking to address this shortly. We are always happy to hear from those interested in becoming involved. Even if there are no current vacancies at the time you apply, we encourage you to get in touch as opportunities regularly arise when positions become vacant or elections are held. As well as the governors, there are many ways that parents and community members can support the schools, delivering talks, helping with activities both during and after school. Additionally many of the committees from time to time enlist additional members to their ranks.

If you are interested in supporting any aspect of the work of the schools or our Governing Body please email us at slfkgovernors@gmail.com, or alternatively contact your the school office:

Tudor: 020 8346 6010, office@tudor.barnetmail.net

Manorside: 020 8346 4847, office@manorside.barnetmail.net

Friends Associations

The Friends Associations of both schools exist to provide community, to fundraise for the schools, to promote the schools within the local area and to provide extra-curricular activities for the children.

The Friends of Manorside and the Friends of Tudor continue to explore new ways to both build community amongst parents and friends whilst raising money to enhance what the schools can offer.

Last year the first joint federation Friends event was held in the form of the very successful Street Party in June. Hopefully the first of many to come.



Friends of Tudor:

The community at Tudor continued to work together successfully with events including the summer fair on a lovely and sunny afternoon. The Colour Run event organized by Mr Zavros was a huge success.

The Friends raised over £4,240 with two fairs and jumble sale. Money has gone back into school to buy maths equipment for every class, 24 ukuleles, pond dipping equipment and work is starting on the 'Room of Curiosities' a room full of weird and wonderful objects to fire the children's imagination for creative writing.

To join: email
friendsoftudorschool@gmail.com.



Friends of Manorside:



Through six fantastically attended events (Autumn disco, Parent Quiz Night, Santa's Grotto, Movie Night, Mother's Day Raffle, and the summertime International Food Festival), Friends of Manorside raised £7,194.

This was spent on things like school outings, books, instruments and classroom cameras.

To join: email Dani Levy at levy-d@sky.com or search for **Manorsidepandt** on Google Groups.



Fundraising

One of the intentions of the Squires Lane Learning Federation was to produce cost saving benefits to both schools by shared services and combined contracts. However, a fall in demand for places in Barnet in 2017 means that it looks likely that the numbers at Manorside school will diminish in the coming years, whilst not growing as hoped at Tudor. This will result in less funding for both schools. Some of the schools' activities will need to be cut back or find alternative sources of funding. We are lucky that we have such active and successful parent involvement with the Friends associations and we will be working closely with them to see what additional fundraising activities can take place.

Website

One initial target will be raising the money needed for both schools to be given modern up-to-date websites. These will come with new school apps to communicate best and most cost effectively with parents allowing messages to arrive directly on parents' phones. These messages can be addressed to the whole school, to year groups, classes and also societies and activities. This will enable a reduction in paper letters as well as timed morning reminders, urgent messages, and greater interaction.

There are of course many areas of school life which would benefit from additional funding. The SLLF and the Friends will be working together over the coming year and in consultation with staff and pupils will be highlighting other funding targets and needs.

Any ideas, initiatives or help with fundraising are always greatly received. Please contact the Friends, the governors or the school offices to discuss.

School Highlights

Road Safety

Last year's Walk Safe Squires Lane campaign was a great success. After media coverage, a petition and presentations to a Barnet Council meeting by a child from Manorside's Year 5, it was agreed to introduce a 20mph speed limit on Squires Lane.

Additionally a new crossing is being planned across Squires Lane near the junctions of Etchingham Park Road and Avondale Road.

The next aim of the campaign is to persuade TfL to alter the timing of the lights at the junction between Squires Lane and Long Lane to make crossing safer.



Tudor

Tudor continued to go from strength to strength last year following our successful Ofsted result.

Our children made us very proud last year when they represented Tudor in the dance festival and music festival. We finished the year with an amazing Year 6 production called Darwin Rocks and then showcased the amazing talent across the school in our Tudor's Got Talent show!

Tudor had another fantastic year of sporting achievements last year. The highlights included our best ever performance in the gymnastics competition and the primary athletics tournament. We now have more pupils than ever before taking part in sporting clubs and activities outside of school.

We are very proud to have received three national awards last year. A bronze award for eco schools, a silver Sainsbury's sport award and gold medal for our school travel plan.

Lisa Clifford
Year 1 Teacher

Manorside

The Manorside community experienced many magical moments last year.

The Pavilion opera performed La Traviata, our year 5 and 6 children were spell bound by the performance. Thank you to the Rothenburg family trust who sponsored the event.

Our production of Jungle Book was a great success, all our wonderful young people enjoyed watching and the children who took part will never forget the experience.

We also held several exciting events run by the Friends of Manorside, including the wonderful International Food festival which goes from strength to strength.

Both Manorside and Tudor really enjoyed the 'street' party, this activity was one of the many travel related activities we took part in which helped both schools achieve gold in our travel plans.

Well done and thank you to everyone.

Wendy Rennie
Deputy Headteacher

Federation Key Stats

Pupil Numbers

The start of this Academic Year sees enrolment of 325 pupils at Manorside and 272 at Tudor. These numbers have already risen following appeals.

Achievement Data

- An improved picture at Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) at Tudor brings us in line with national average – a very successful bulge class year
- At Manorside the EYFS picture is stable, however, we will still be below national average
- Both schools' Year 1 Phonics Test results bring us in line or above national average (a key indicator for the good and outstanding OFSTED judgement)
- Manorside's result has significantly improved and 92% is an incredible result
- Tudor has maintained the progress in phonics it made last year with the impressive result of 80%
- At Key Stage 1 (KS1) there has been significant improvements across the board at Manorside which is a great achievement
- The KS1 results at Tudor secure the improvements that we saw last year which is great and good percentages of children made more than expected progress from the end of EYFS: reading 22%, writing 28% and maths 33%

Early Years Foundation Stage - % achieving a Good Level of Development

	All children (2014 – 2015)	All children (2015 – 2016)	All Children (2016 – 2017)
Tudor	62	63	69
Manorside	50	61	58
National Average	66	69	71

Phonics - % achieving the expected standard at the end of Y1

	All children (2014 –	All children (2015 –	All children (2016 –
Tudor	48	83	80
Manorside	81	79	92
National Average	77	81	81

Key Stage 1

% achieving the expected standard at the end of Y2

	Reading		Writing		Maths	
	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017
Manorside	61	86	58	69	64	86
Tudor	69	72	57	67	77	78
National Average	74	76	65	68	73	75

Below are the schools statistics relating to Key Stage 2, the assessment of the departing Year 6.

Manorside

	Reading (SATs)		Writing (Teacher Assessment)		Maths (SATs)		Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
% Meeting Expected Standard	87	68	63	71	90	74	87	68
% Working at Greater Depth	43	39	7	7	37	36	33	32
Average Scaled Score (100 is expected)	108	105	/	/	107	104	107	105
Progress Score (Green highlight = signif. above national)	5.63	4.3	-1.2	1.7	4.38	3.3	/	/

Last year's Y6 cohort were significantly below national expectations at KS1 and although it appears that there has been a substantial decrease in the % of children meeting the expected standard in all subjects except writing progress measures show that overall children has made significantly more progress than expected from the end of KS1 to the end of KS2.

Tudor

	Reading (SATs)		Writing (Teacher Assessment)		Maths (SATs)		Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
% Meeting Expected Standard	46	65	79	65	57	70	64	70
% Working at Greater Depth	7	15	18	20	17	18	14	23
Average Scaled Score (100 is expected -)	99	100	/	/	101	101	103	103
Progress Score (Green highlight = signif. above national)	-2.0	-0.9	2.1	-0.1	-2.3	-1.0	/	/

In comparison to last year's Y6 results it is a very positive picture overall. There has been significant improvements in attainment and progress in all subjects bringing Tudor more in line with national averages than we were last year. The only decrease can be seen in writing which will be a focus for this year's cohort. We will continue to focus on accelerating the progress of children throughout the year groups aiming to secure and further improvements in progress scores so that we are 0 or above in progress scores for all subjects.

Photo	Governor Name	Committees	Type of Governor
	David Fox	Finance, Pay, Resources & Premises Outcomes & Attainment	Chair of Governors, Co-opted
	Jason Strelitz	Finance, Pay, Resources & Premises (chair)	Vice-Chair of Governors, Co-opted
	Sally King	Finance, Pay, Resources & Premises Communications & Community Curriculum & Staff Development	Executive Head Teacher
	Wendy Rennie	Communications & Community Curriculum & Staff Development (co-chair)	Staff Governor
	Adrian Fitzsimons	Finance, Pay, Resources & Premises	Co-opted
	Maria Lockwood	Communications & Community Curriculum & Staff Development (co-chair) Pupil Welfare	Co-opted
	Sarah Bernstein	Curriculum & Staff Development Pupil Welfare	Co-opted
	Lisa Clifford	Curriculum & Staff Development Outcomes & Attainment	Co-opted
	Rachel Santucci	Curriculum & Staff Development Outcomes & Attainment	Co-opted
	Noga Applebaum	Communications & Community (chair) Outcomes & Attainment Curriculum & Staff Development	Parent Governor (Manorside)
	Sarah Turle	Pupil Welfare (chair)	Parent Governor (Tudor)
	Alison Moore	Finance, Pay, Resources & Premises Outcomes & Attainment (chair)	Local Authority Governor
	Natasha Balakrishnan	Pupil Welfare	Co-opted
	Tom Grey	Finance, Pay, Resources & Premises Communications & Community	Co-opted
	Mihaela Vieira	Pupil Welfare	Co-opted
	Emma Collins	Finance, Pay, Resources & Premises	Co-opted
	Barbara Williams	Pupil Welfare	Co-opted