

THAMES VIEW JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of our first half term! I thought I would use this letter to fill you in on our busy week!

Teaching and Learning Review

On Monday, we were visited by other Headteachers and Senior Leaders from across Barking and Dagenham. They went into all classrooms across the school to observe teaching and learning. They also looked at the children's books. The day was a huge success and I wanted to share some of the feedback with you. Of course we still have things to develop and we continue to build on these areas to make our school the best it can be.

Strengths from the review are as follows:

- Assessment procedures
- Systems and structures e.g.: planning and teamwork
- Behaviour and SMSC
- Pupil and Teacher engagement
- all classrooms have working walls showing partnership work between teacher and pupils.
- Development of vocabulary in both mathematics and English – good modelling of spoken English
- Subject leadership in both core subjects is a strength.
- Teachers are following the marking and feedback policy
- There is sufficient work in the children's books to allow marking to have an impact Achievement of targets are celebrated and these are set on a regular basis
- Children show that they can apply phonetical knowledge through their writing

It has been a wonderful first half term, our Year 3 children have settled in to their new school fabulously and the rest of the school have been working hard and producing fantastic and interesting work. I am really looking forward to next half term which will end with our Carol concert and Pantomime.

Thank you all for your continued support of the children and school. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 30th October at 8.45am!

Have a wonderful half term,

Sara

