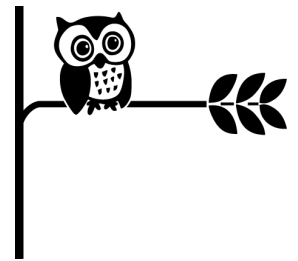


Governor Newsletter

September 2014



We hope that you enjoyed your summer break. While you were away, the work didn't stop for Oswald Road and we're delighted to be welcoming you into our new school building this autumn. We thank you for your patience and understanding of the reasons for keeping school closed at the end of a long summer holiday. It's been lovely for us to see so many of you contributing ideas during the development of the new building. We're grateful for your input as well as that of our school staff, who have created a stimulating learning environment. Of course this is only one part of the school redevelopment work and over the coming months the building work will continue and then after that the focus will turn to the playground. Thanks to the fundraising done by the PTA (FORS) and the shared expertise and enthusiasm of parents and teachers we expect to see further improvements to the outside learning environment during the school year.

We are also pleased to be introducing a number of new members of staff to our school and we wish them a very warm welcome. We have a larger number of new starters this year due to three staff moving on to new schools, expanding pupil numbers, increased needs in the office and finance, a move to part time hours for a member of staff, two maternity leaves and fewer classroom-based hours for our Acting Deputy Headteachers, Mrs Woolf and Ms Flynn. Read about our new staff below and you'll see why we're excited to have them on board.

In the summer term you elected two new Parent Governors, Simon Bentall and Elaine Stokes. We're looking forward to welcoming them to our first meeting of the school year very soon. As Simon and Elaine take up their roles we wanted to remind you that as Parent Governors their role is to take your opinions into account when contributing to decisions made by Governors. As always, concerns about day-to-day school matters should be directed to a member of school staff.

This is a very exciting time for everyone connected with Oswald Road - enjoy the autumn term!

Helen Dobson
Chair of Governors



Miss Jen Beech – Year 5 Teacher

I am really happy to be appointed at Oswald Road Primary school and looking forward to being part of the Oswald Road community. I have been teaching for five years now and my last post was a school in Coventry but I decided to move back to my local area after missing my northern roots! My specialist subject is art and I am looking forward to getting creative.



Miss Anna Wilson – Year 3 Teacher (Job Share)

Hello! I am from the Manchester area and have been a KS2 teacher for eight years in schools in Manchester and Calderdale, West Yorkshire. Through my teaching I look for ways to embed key skills across a creative curriculum and am particularly interested in helping the children to develop critical thinking skills. I love singing and playing my guitar with the children and have already got going with this at Oswald Road! One of my passions is gardening and I am excited to be able to be at Oswald Road at a time when we can develop the outside areas to accommodate food production, awareness of environmental sustainability and outdoor learning.

Mr Luke McDonagh - Year 4 Teacher

I am delighted to have been taken on by Oswald Road for my first teaching post and am hugely excited to have my very own class. In particular I am very much looking forward to teaching our first half term's topic which is 'The 1980s' (despite having only experienced them myself for three months)!

The warm welcome I received when I came to Oswald Road convinced me that I would enjoy working here and since returning after the summer the mood has remained exactly the same. We have all worked so hard getting the new build up to scratch and although we aren't quite there yet you can see what a fantastic teaching and learning space it is becoming.

As a great lover of music I am particularly looking forward to getting involved in the upcoming Oswald Road rock band. Also, I hope to be able to incorporate music into the classroom environment and hopefully learn and play some songs on my guitar with the children.





Miss Nemeka King – Year 6 Teacher

After relocating from the Midlands, I am extremely excited to be continuing my career at Oswald Road Primary School. It is an exciting time for everyone working here and I look forward to being a part of such a thriving and ambitious school. Since completing my PGCE, I have experience of working in both KS1 and KS2 with a passion in maths and physical education. I have been made to feel especially welcome at Oswald Road and look forward to getting to know the school and its strong community even more.

Mr Paul Salisbury – Year 4 teacher

My name is Paul Salisbury and this will be my second year of primary school teaching. After completing my degree in English and Creative Writing in 2011, I was employed as a Teaching Assistant, in a Year 2 class, at a Catholic Primary School in Preston.

The following year I enrolled on the PGCE Primary course at Manchester Metropolitan University where I had placements at schools in Moss Side and Newton Heath. Last year I was employed as a Year 6 teacher at Briscoe Lane Academy in Newton Heath. I am very much looking forward to this academic year at Oswald Road Primary School. The staff have been extremely welcoming and supportive in the opening couple of weeks. I am delighted to be working with my wonderful class of children in our brand new classroom



Linzi Caradine – Year 2 TA

My name is Linzi and I have recently joined the staff at Oswald Primary as a Level 3 Teaching Assistant. Originally from Bristol I moved to Manchester just over a year ago to pursue a career within primary education. Prior to my Teaching Assistant role I was working as a social support worker and spent a year volunteering in secondary education before deciding to re-train for the position I am in today. I will be continually committed to

improvements within my role and the school itself to contribute to its continued success. Oswald Road has already been so welcoming and I look forward to becoming a fully-fledged member of the team.



Miss Natalie Glendon – Reception Teacher

Hello, I'm Miss Glendon, and I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Reception Teacher at Oswald Road Primary School. I am very excited to begin my teaching career in a brand new school, after four years at Manchester Metropolitan University studying a BA (Hons) Primary Education degree. September has finally arrived and I cannot wait to get to know you all and spend the next year achieving great things together! During my degree I have developed a passion for 'learning through play' and I hope to bring some interesting new teaching techniques to the team! My aim as a teacher is to inspire, engage and involve all children in learning and developing early life skills.

In my spare time (if I have any!!) I love to be outside walking my little dog and going to watch my favourite football team with my brothers! Keeping fit at the gym and cooking new dishes is a passion of mine which I would love to share with the children.

I am really looking forward to being part of the Oswald Road family and exploring all the exciting opportunities that Oswald Road has to offer.

Mrs Melanie Gibbon – Year 4 TA (Part Time)

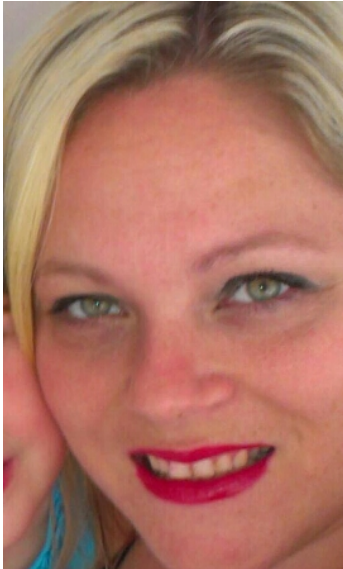
My name is Melanie Gibbon. I currently support Year 4 Teachers on a part-time basis. I live in Sale with my husband and 3 boys. I previously worked in a school in Urmston. I am a qualified High Level Teaching Assistant and in my spare time I am studying a Level 5 course in Dyslexia.

I am excited about being part of the future of Oswald Road and working with the children to achieve their full potential.



Miss Kate Hudson – Year 6 TA

I am delighted to be appointed at Oswald Road Primary School, which seems to have a deep community feel. This is my first job after re-locating from the Lake District and I have been made to feel very welcome! I have 4 years of experience as a Teaching Assistant and I am currently studying for a degree in education. I particularly enjoy anything creative and sport related. I'm really looking forward to getting stuck into extra-curricular activities!



Kerry Tevlin – Reprographics Assistant

Hello, my name is Kerry Tevlin. I am married with 2 daughters aged 9 and 6 and currently live in Wythenshawe. Before joining Oswald Road I worked at Ashton on Mersey Teaching School as Teaching School Administrator. I really enjoyed my work there but needed more time with my children and I am delighted that Oswald Road was able to offer me the position of Reprographics Assistant. I am thoroughly enjoying my time here so far. I enjoy going camping and getting back to nature and try to go as much as possible. Recent trips were Rhyl and Caernarfon and we have been as far as Cornwall. In my spare time I enjoy nothing more than sitting down and reading a good book and I am currently reading a gritty crime story called 'You're next'.

Jacque Campbell – Receptionist

I began working at the school on the 1st September and I am thoroughly enjoying my time here as Receptionist. Prior to joining the school I spent 18 years in Further Education within Student Services so there are lots of similarities between my last position and this one in terms of providing customer service, information and advice.

I am a mum of two children, one at high school and one at college and despite their ages they still keep me busy. The spare time that I have I spend salsa dancing and growing giant veg on my allotment!

I know the school as I live locally and have watched its recent development with interest. It is good to now be working here.



