



50th Anniversary

Remarkable to think that the school has been serving the community for half a century. Some of our current parents were themselves Panshanger Primary School pupils. The staff and pupils have all worked tirelessly during that time to make the school an asset and something to be immensely proud of. It was fitting that the whole school marked the celebration with a hugely impressive performance at the Hawthorne Theatre, showcasing the very best traits of the school in endeavouring to do everything a bit bigger and better! We look forward too that spirit enduring for the next 50 years and beyond.

Nursery Provision

One of the ways the school best demonstrates its value to the community is to effectively adapt to changing needs and demographics. An example of this is the rising demand for extended nursery provision. The school had previously offered 15 hours of nursery care but have now implemented additional options of lunch club and full 30 hour provision from September 2019. Coupled with existing breakfast club and a rich variety of after school activities, the school is truly offering wrap around care. We hope that you will find this provision valuable and support it in every way possible.

Wellbeing

Awareness and consideration of wellbeing is a hugely topical subject currently. Wellbeing can take many forms in terms of physical, mental and emotional health. The school takes its responsibilities very seriously indeed. No amount of effort is spared by the staff to create that 'Safe Space' environment for the children to learn, play, socialise. And support is always in place for those who may struggle in any areas of wellbeing. But the school is also an employer and the same considerations equally apply to the staff. We can all do our bit to maintain this environment by always conducting ourselves in a friendly way around the school. And if we do find ourselves at disagreement with the school, we do so in a calm and constructive manner.

e-Safety

For young people, the internet provides a wealth of material for both learning and entertainment. But as we are all too aware, the threats and mischief that exists on the web never seems to go away. So being alert to these and applying sensible safeguards is something I'm sure all parents would love to have expertise in. The school, in association with Herts County, provide a termly newsletter with helpful information and tips to protect you and your children against any online dangers.

PTA

It's official, we have now run out of superlatives to describe our awesome PTA. Just when you think the coffers must surely be empty after the string of things that PTA funds have provided, they dig deeper still and come up with funds for the refit of the Trim Trail in the playground. Not a cheap undertaking by any means. We all hear the stories of schools struggling to supply the basic essentials and yet we have a PTA with the energy, enthusiasm and capacity to raise many thousands of pounds for additional luxuries. Please continue to support them, preferably with even a few moments of your time, and also with your funds.

Year 6 SAT results

| | Average scaled score | | ARE | | GDS (Score of 110 +) | |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | School | National 2019 | School | National 2019 | School | National 2019 |
| Maths | 104.8 | 104 | 94% | 76% | 13% | 24% |
| Reading | 105.3 | 105 | 80% | 75% | 33% | 28% |
| GPS | 103.9 | 106 | 73% | 78% | 20% | 34% |
| Writing TA | NA | | 80% | 78% | 30% | 20% |
| RWM combined | NA | | 76% | 64% | 6% | 10% |

A huge well done to our current Year 6 cohort!

Farewell & Good Luck

For our year 6 pupils, their Panshanger journey is drawing to a close. Life at secondary school will open up a whole new world of opportunities, ones that your time at Panshanger will have more than prepared you for. It's always a joy to witness you grow and evolve into bright young people - but painful to say goodbye. We are confident that each and every one of you will go on to succeed in whatever you do.

The Goves would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to Mme Bruce, our MFL teacher, who is also leaving us at the end of this term. She has worked tirelessly for Panshanger school during her 1 day a week achieving numerous awards including in 2018 a National award for E-Twinning.