

## Governor Visit Report

<b>Name: Peter Apostolos</b>	<b>Date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016</b>
<b>Focus of visit</b>	<b>Classes/staff visited</b>
To oversee structure and content of outdoor learning	Forest School (LOtC) - Mrs Paula Waller
<b>Summary of activities e.g. talking to staff and pupils, looking at resources, had lunch etc.</b>	
<p>The session I attended on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (Autumn Term) consisted of two parts. The first was conducted in the hall. Parents and children were invited to listen to a talk about bats, which was given by a local expert Mr Roger Havard. His delivery was very good and targeted the children. He used interactive props including audio-visual to engage the children and even managed to include facts that parents could discuss with the children at a later time.</p> <p>The second part of the presentation took us outside where Mr Havard provided detectors, which convert the echolocation ultrasound signals emitted by bats to an audible frequency. This was a real hands-on experience for both the children and the parents. I had some very positive comments by parents including “brilliant”, “informative”, and “educational”. Everyone managed to hear some bats, which made the overall experience extremely enjoyable and satisfying.</p>	
<b>What have I learned as a result of my visit?</b>	<b>Positive comments about the visit</b>
I believe that the use of outside resources ie an external expert, can enrich the educational content of Forest Schools (LOtC).	A different and interesting way to deliver LOtC
<b>Aspects I would like clarified/questions that I have:</b>	
<p>What is the financial cost of providing individual Forest School activities? I appreciate some activities such as Camp Fire and daytime sessions have a minimal cost attached.</p> <p>Is there any outside funding we can tap into in order to expand or improve facilities in our Forest School area? Lottery Funding/grants for example?</p>	
<b>Ideas for future visits:</b>	
This method of inviting guest speakers to assist in delivering LOtC can be very flexible and a variety of subjects can be included.	
<b>Any other comments:</b>	
Signed (Governor)	Peter Apostolos  Signed <i>Peter Apostolos</i>