

Monday 26th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We are pleased to share with you Ofsted's report of their inspection carried out at Honeywell Junior School on 13th and 14th July 2022. prior to publication on their website this Thursday.

Having worked exceptionally hard since September 2021, the School has secured a Good judgment in all areas. This is an excellent outcome which fully reflects where the School is on its journey to meet the significant new requirements of the 2019 Ofsted framework, which as many of you will know was introduced in September 2019, just 6 months before the Pandemic hit.

Unlike when the School was last fully inspected (in 2008), Ofsted reports are not lengthy to read: just two pages summarise the Inspectors' findings. We would like to highlight the following paragraphs, which we feel particularly capture some of Honeywell's strengths:

"Pupils are proud that their school is friendly and welcoming. There is a strong shared ethos at the school. Pupils spoke confidently about equality and diversity. They are mature in their thinking. Pupils are happy and safe here."

"Leaders regularly consult with pupils from the school council about whole-school improvements. Pupils would recommend the school to others. Most parents and carers are overwhelmingly positive about the school. They appreciate the changes the leaders have made. They like in particular the focus on a broader curriculum and the emphasis on pupils' mental health and well-being."

As you know, the main focus for the School since September 2021 has been the design and development of a brand new, more ambitious, broader and deeper curriculum offer than ever before. Via workshops, family Seesaw, the website and newsletters, the School has shared with you the progress it has made. We welcome inspectors' observations that the School's leaders have *"correctly identified what needs to be done and are doing so with urgency"* and that we had chosen not to narrow the curriculum in the period of post-Pandemic catch up but instead have *"made sure to give all subjects equal consideration."*

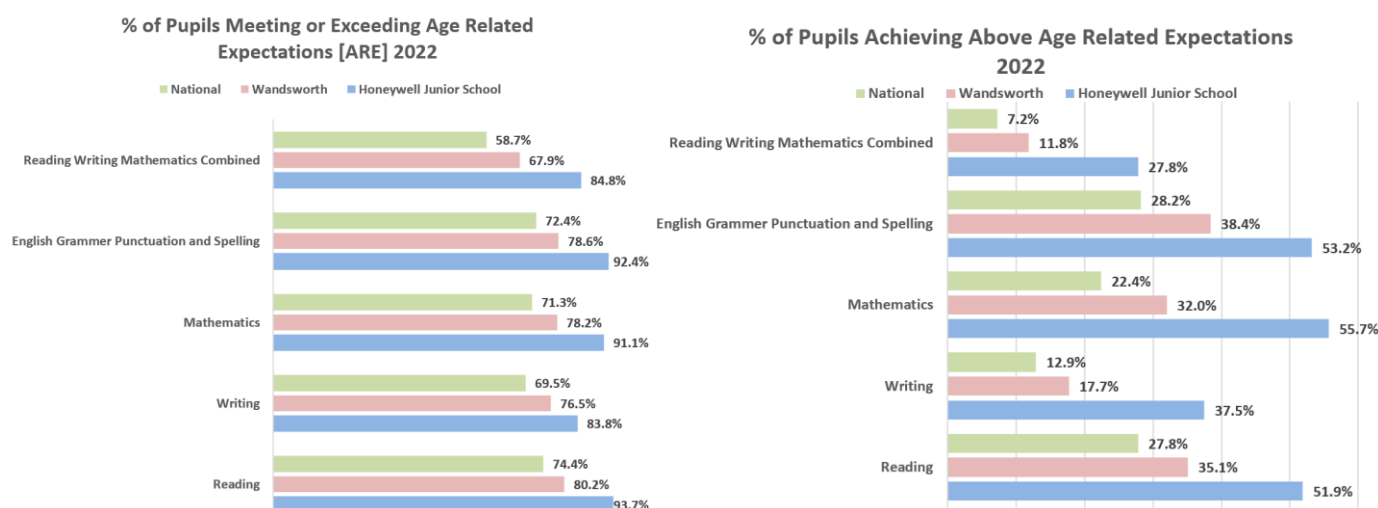
The School will continue on its journey at pace to meet the full framework requirements for Outstanding with continued focus on curriculum development and assessment as recommended in the Inspectors' report. The School is dynamic and ambitious but is also inclusive and caring. Inspectors say that *"the new curriculum is ambitious for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)."* It is an important part of our ethos that every child and member of our school community is taken on the journey and that Honeywell continues to be a special individual place.

The senior leaders have shared the report with staff and again congratulated them on the significant progress they have made in a very short space of time. The requirement that each subject in a primary school must be led across all the year groups has meant that at Honeywell our teachers have had to bear



additional responsibility to their classroom teaching. They have risen to this challenge and remain committed and enthusiastic about the next steps, as do the senior leaders and governors.

A traditional strength of the School is in its attainment and progress outcomes for pupils in the KS2 SATS. We know this is important to parents and carers but actually is not a significant consideration under the new Ofsted framework. Nevertheless, we were pleased that 2022 data for Honeywell Junior School (the first publicly available data since 2019) remained consistent, excellent and above both National and Wandsworth outcomes:



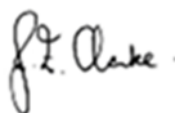
We also celebrate the quality schools that our pupils have continued to transfer to at the end of Year 6.

These outcomes coupled with curriculum and other changes to the School over the past 3 years, show that Honeywell Junior School is stronger than it has ever been, but the ambition is to be stronger still.

Finally, we would like to share the congratulations received from Ana Popovici (Director of Children's Services in Wandsworth) and Lisa Fenaroli (Assistant Director – Education), who said *"you should take so much pride as we do in the strong shared ethos at the school of equality and diversity. Please pass on to staff my thanks for their ongoing commitment to change and for their contribution for this excellent outcome."*

We hope you enjoy reading the report. If you have questions or comments, please do get in touch.

Yours faithfully



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