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Re: Congratulations on achieving HfL Healthy Schools Enhanced Status

Following the submission of your HfL Healthy Schools 'Whole School Self-evaluation and Action Plan' and the school visit that took place on Wednesday 29th March 17, I am delighted to be able to confirm in writing your Hertfordshire Healthy Schools ENHANCED Status for the work you have undertaken on the 'Physical Activity' theme. Your certificate confirming Enhanced status which is valid for a year will follow in the post. Many congratulations on achieving this success for your whole school community!

The Hertfordshire Healthy Schools team was very impressed with the work described and evaluated in your whole school review, and witnessed by Jayne Wright during her visit. She would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, pupils, governor and parents that took time out to meet her and showcase the fantastic practice at the school. A special mention must go to Mr Bailes for coordinating the work of the Healthy Schools Working Party and organising the smooth running of the day. Jayne would like to particularly highlight the following areas of strength:

- The invigorating start of the day provided by a wonderfully active and absorbing breakfast club was a joy to watch. The healthy eating options and active approach is just what the children need to make a positive start to the day.
- The good use made of every corner of the school. The predominance of opportunities for focused and absorbing outside play and physical activity was evident.
- The school's work to engage vulnerable pupils, ensuring that pupils' emotional health and wellbeing needs are met on a daily basis. This is clearly central in the planning and delivery of the whole school activities that you have undertaken to encourage the whole school approach to this vitally important area. Initiatives like the CLA Club that encourages all the CLA children to take a club that promotes physical activity are examples of this. Staff try hard to innovate and create many and varied opportunities to ensure that Bowmansgreen places the healthy schools at the heart of its approach...we look forward to supporting you with next steps.
- Lastly, Jayne was privileged to meet a representative group of pupils as part of the school council to talk through their physical activity and to discuss how the school experience supports them. The pride that these pupils had in their school and the words they spoke were heart-warming...They said,
"You feel a part of the school."
"You never stop enjoying yourself."
"You always feel like you are in a safe environment. Whenever you feel lonely you can go to the buddy bench."

“Our teachers keep you safe.”

“Wellbeing week was fun and we did yoga...I felt really relaxed doing yoga.”

“Teachers never give up on us.”

“There are so many clubs to take part in after school sporting and musical.

Jayne hopes that these words demonstrate to the hard-working staff including the new Headteacher, Anna Lippa, just how well appreciated their efforts are in creating a safe, secure, flourishing whole school environment.

In addition, we would like to help you celebrate your success by featuring your school's achievement on the Herts for Learning website. Please send a photo which shows an aspect of your Healthy Schools work undertaken in school, together with 3-4 sentences outlining some of the activities that have taken place as part of your submission. We would be grateful if you could do this within the next two weeks after Easter and send to healthy.schools@hertsforlearning.co.uk so that we can publish a news item on the HfL website this term. I have attached the some of the lovely photos that I have taken from my visit.

Next steps

Your school is now ready to embark on the next exciting stage of the programme. This is to identify a key health and wellbeing priority which you would like to further develop in your school. Completion of this next stage will lead to further accreditation as an Enhanced Healthy School by focusing on another area of the programme, either Healthy Eating, Emotional Health and Wellbeing or PSHE. Clearly many elements of these areas are well evidenced and very positive already but I recognise within the school a growth mindset from all that will continue to innovate and ensure that Bowmansgreen School remains for its pupils the best possible place to come to school.

Many congratulations again to your school for its fantastic commitment to the health, physical and emotional wellbeing of your whole community! We look forward to continuing to work with you on the HfL's Healthy Schools programme.

Yours sincerely

Jayne Wright and Kate Stockdale

HfL Healthy Schools Team

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