## **Governor of the Month**

## Prithi Mascarenhas: Foundation Governor

My name is Prithi Mascarenhas and I joined the governing body in 2017 as a foundation governor. Since March 2018, I have served as a Vice Chair on the Finance, Staffing, Premises, Health & Safety Committee, which oversees the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent.

In my day job, I work as a HR Business Partner in the rail transport industry. As part of my governor role, I visited the school on Thursday  $19^{\text{th}}$  January 2018. I enjoyed the morning assembly which was focused on goal setting and resilience and it was good to see that the children were encouraged to keep hydrated during the hot sunny day. The children listened attentively to an interactive presentation on the key themes and were well behaved and keen to answer questions. I also attended a Year 6 Maths class. I noticed that the students were required to reason independently, and at times participate in a group discussion to resolve the various maths problems they were presented with. The children were engaged with the lesson and demonstrated a lot of focus and attention in class; they worked hard to complete the various activities.

I intend to do more visits to school this year as I thoroughly enjoyed this one and it gave me an insight into the day to day running of the school, and being around the children brought back some fond memories of my own primary school years. I must admit that some of the maths that the children were learning is now a distant memory!

