

# Governor of the Month

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## Prithi Mascarenhas: Foundation Governor

This is my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a Foundation Governor and I now serve as Chair of the Leadership and Management committee, which oversees Finance, Staffing, Premises, and Health & Safety.

As part of my governor role this term, I attended mass at the school in October and it was a pleasure to be part of the celebration in honour of Our Lady of Peace and accompanied by beautiful singing from the children. It was lovely to watch them listen and participate so actively in the mass and observe first-hand the Catholic ethos of the school.

My first year as governor was daunting as I do not have an educational background, but with support from the team, I have learned many new things about how the school is run and all the work it takes behind the scenes. It is a rewarding role, as you get to input into the work that is already being done to continuously improve and develop the school.

I am one of the Link Governors for Health & Safety and this term, I completed a visit to review the H&S arrangements at the school. I learnt that everyone has a role to play in ensuring H & S is well managed including promptly reporting any safety hazards as soon as these are detected.

A range of different maintenance jobs were carried out this year to ensure the premises are kept in good condition, all this completed with limited budget and funding. On a separate note, the Governing body is organising a Christmas raffle and tickets will be available to purchase. The funds raised from the raffle will be spent on a Staff wellbeing initiative in the New Year, in support and recognition of their hard work. Tickets cost £1; there are some great prizes to be won including 2 x standard returns on the Eurostar to Paris & a Christmas hamper in time for the Holidays! Tickets will be sent home in your child's book bag next week.

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