

A Record of my time as Headteacher of Greasby Junior School: 2003 – 2019

It is with immense pride and fondness that I am able to reflect on my time as Headteacher of Greasby Junior School. My tenure has covered a period of significant reform, with schools being far more accountable than ever before; Ofsted inspections and performance tables have created a results-driven education system which, in many cases, has led to a narrowing of the curriculum, where maths and English dominate the school day. Despite this pressure, Greasby Junior School, backed by a highly dedicated staff, supportive parents and governors, has retained its core values. The curriculum, both in the classroom and out, provides the children with rich and memorable experiences designed to bring learning to life. The children bounce in to school with smiles on their faces, excited about their day ahead and eager to learn. There is a full and varied extra curricular menu; the children in Years 4 and 6 have the opportunity to attend residential trips to Barnstondale (Wirral) and Castle Head (the Lake District) and events such as the pantomime and the Summer Serenade, provide lifelong memories for all who attend. In the eyes of Ofsted, the school is 'outstanding' – two inspections and two HMI visits found very little to criticise. But it is impossible to fully measure a school in such a short space of time and everyone involved with Greasby Junior School – children, staff, governors, parents and regular visitors, know just how special it is. Visitors constantly remark on the manners of the children, the welcoming atmosphere and the caring ethos of the school. Once here, children only leave when they have to, at the end of Year 6, and there are constant requests from families to bring their children to the school, despite it being full. Staff come and go, though for many, once here, Greasby becomes their job for life.

I could go on, but I'll leave it there. It has been a privilege to be a part of the Greasby Junior School story, and I am absolutely sure that its future is both happy and bright.

Adrian Martin: July 2019

