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An end of year reflection from the Head Teacher- Natasha Ttofalli July 2022

It's been another challenging year but we have pulled together and, together, we made it work. Our main priority this year was to ensure that children were best placed to 'Thrive Again' and we ploughed everything into that aim. We have had visits and visitors galore; our club offer has been exceptional and our curriculum is rich again with opportunity. This has enabled the children to, once again, be enthused and excited by the vast curriculum available to them. I am proud to say that we have managed the task well and your children have been exceptional throughout.

It is no surprise to us that our end of year results are not as high as they have been in previous years. Because we invested in thriving again, our curriculum this year has definitely not been about ensuring that the children were able to meet end of year expectations through preparing them for tests- they have missed a lot. Instead, we wanted to ensure our children were ready to meaningfully learn again and, as such, perhaps they were not as prepared for the tests as they might have been if we had narrowed our curriculum. We have a long term aim, getting back on track is not the aim of one year. Instead, in the next few years, we need to carefully analyse the children's learning gaps and fill them meaningfully so that, at all stages, they are ready for the next phase of their learning.

Pre pandemic, our results were historically very good when compared with national and our children, over time, make excellent progress academically whilst enjoying the richness of our varied curriculum. We have proved, in the past, that it is possible to have it all. Our aim, always, is to nurture aspirational achievers, confident learners and caring citizens who have creative minds. In order to effectively achieve our aims next year, we will continue to ensure that our curriculum is rich but also that it expects the very best academically so that every child makes the progress expected as dictated by their personal trajectory and prior attainment.

This year, we are proud of what has been achieved with regards to discussing wellbeing and mental health as well as our general safeguarding practices. Emotional literacy will remain high on our agenda next year. We all need to say how we feel and we need opportunities to talk and share. We will continue to



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focus on equipping children with the language of emotion and we will continue to say to them that it is ok not to be ok; what is important is how we manage the behaviour that may arise from feeling a little 'out of sorts'.

Once again, this year, our greatest achievement has been in the strength of our community; ***that is you guys***. Your support and encouragement, as well as your words of constructive criticism, are always appreciated. You trust us with your most precious things: your children and that is a responsibility we do not take lightly. We would like to dare to hope that the relationships across our Park family will grow and grow next year.

Next year we will embrace the further challenges that the year will bring and we will build on this year's success whilst maintaining our focus on standards in their broadest sense. We will do this with a confident and caring approach. We will continue to work with you, our community, to ensure that the ethos and spirit, which is the very essence of Park, is maintained.

No doubt, the 22-23 academic year will bring further challenges but, if we continue to work together and to focus on what is important, (that is a safe and happy environment in which our children can thrive) we will rise to the challenge and continue to succeed in the future.

Many thanks for your continued support. We wish you a happy and healthy holiday and look forward to seeing you on Monday 5th September 2022.

With the greatest respect and gratitude,

Natasha Ttoffali