

What a momentous year it has been: we have opened the **Heath site!** It was such hard work but we are really appreciating the fabulous building now.



Dec. 15: We were happy to help Burnley Road Academy when they were 'homeless' after the floods

We have certainly nurtured a love for learning, life and one another.....

The **School Improvement Plan** has driven us on to make teaching and learning even better: we conquered calculations; improved spelling; established assessment systems for English and Maths when levels had gone and made sure that the new national curriculum was all in place and working for our children. We've prepared for the new SATs. Parents have been training for this as well as staff. There have been a lot of changes for us all.

Theme weeks and days have really enriched the curriculum. We've had Chinese arts week, healthy eating week, a book festival including a poetry reading competition, anti-bullying day, internet safety day, DT fortnight on light, Eid, Christmas and health week.



The Friends of Savile Park have been really busy. We've had a really successful and sociable Summer Fair, Winter Fair, end of term disco, pantomime and Jumping Clay Day.

The **Governors** have been observed by visiting governing bodies who want to see their outstanding practice. They work so hard in so many aspects of school life but this year they have worked so hard to get Heath open.

Thank you for a wonderful year, 2015 – 2016

We've also had lots of **visitors** to make learning exciting: an Anglo-Saxon lady; an Iron-Age lady; a Roman centurion; the firemen from King Cross; the Fit4Life team and Gail who showed us peer massage to name but a few.



Our minibuses have been very busy with **trips** near and far. We've been to Tesco, Hebden Bridge, Ogden, Leeds, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Lytham St Anne's, the Hindu Mandir, the magistrates court, Harlow Carr, Jerusalem Farm, the Piece Hall, Lightwater Valley and London.

Our children are **caring citizens** who see charity as an important part of their lives. This year the school council chose 'Hand in Hand for Syria' as their charity of the year and raised a magnificent £1752.37 as well as £372.81 for flood victims.



'I believe the school to be outstanding. Maintaining outstanding practice is very difficult. All should be congratulated in ensuring that high standards have been maintained.'

Andrew Morley OFSTED inspector; December 15



We've also been a very **outward looking school**. We've supported another school which is in the OFSTED category of 'Requires Improvement' – they are doing really well. We have given placements and delivered training sessions to student teachers. Lots of teachers have come to observe our outstanding practice including teachers on the 'Outstanding Teacher Programme'. We are a proud member of the Teamworks Teaching School Alliance and contribute significantly to the North Halifax Cluster.

Learning carries on for the **adults** as well with two of our support team passing GCSE maths, 5 passing NVQ level 3 and our SENCo passing the SENCo accreditation course which is at masters level. Well done to all.

Despite the pressures of the new SATs, we are proud to say that the **arts** are still flourishing at Savile Park: our choir were finalists in the Music for Youth Festival, performing in Birmingham; two of our children won a competition to perform their poems on the National Theatre stage in London; we had a wonderful musical evening in May; we have visited the Yorkshire Sculpture Park; all the children performed in our Winter Concert; Year 6 did 'Play in a day'; we have worked on two intergenerational projects with Verd de Gris and a visiting artist and Year 4 went to Young Voices.

We're an **active** lot as well. The cricket team won a tournament at Park Lane. Our football team got to the semi-finals of the Shay Cup. 4 children qualified for the finals of the cross country. We were runners up in the indoor athletics tournament. And it stayed dry for sports day this time!

It is a privilege to work with such a fantastic team of children, families, governors and staff. I know that we will continue to make Savile Park even better over the coming year...