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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Autumn Forum

The BGA held a very successful Autumn Forum meeting on 3rd December. Jessica Jenkins (Head of School at Oakwell Rise), Lisa McCarthy (Head of School at Oakhill) and Michael Sanderson (Chair of Governors at the Barnsley Primary Partnership which covers both schools) led a session on resilience and recovery. Lisa and Jess spoke about their roles as senior leaders and the impact that the events of the last nine months have had on children, families and staff. Their first-hand accounts of their interpretation of guidance and their complex decision-making were incredibly powerful and helped us as governors see the resourcefulness that our school staff have shown during the pandemic.

What became clear was that success was allied to collaboration (within the Wellspring Trust and with outside agencies, for example public health), courageous and assured leadership, good communications with staff and parents, and sensitive championing of staff wellbeing. Above all, pupils' health, wellbeing and education was at the centre of everything that was done.

You can view the slides here [Forum Slides](#)

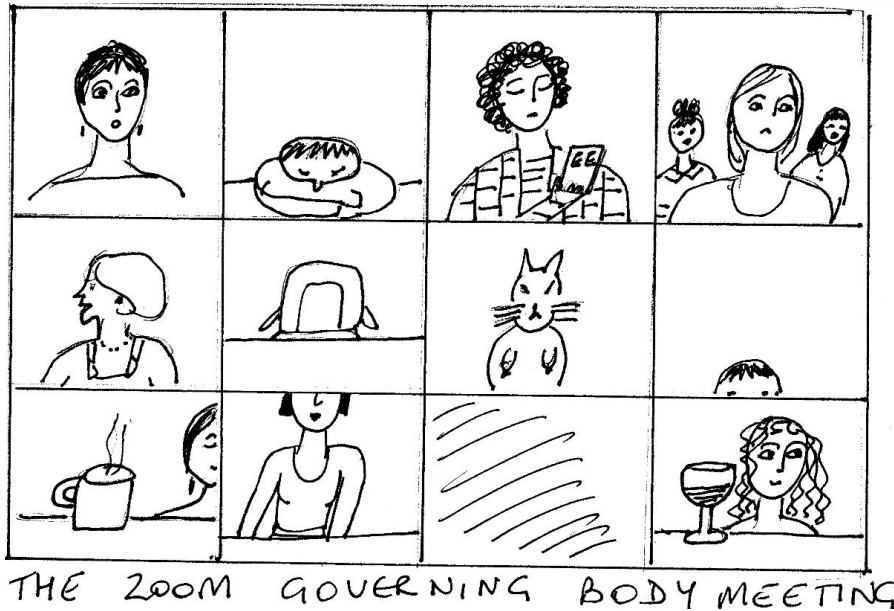
Forums in 2021

The BGA is organising further Forums in 2021. These Forums are open, free of charge, to all governors and trustees of Barnsley schools.

On **Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 6.15pm** we will be examining how governors monitor and oversee all aspects of their school

On **Thursday 22nd April at 6.15pm** we'll be looking at diversity; what is it and what are the issues for governing bodies

At the moment we plan to meet on Zoom. More details to follow



BGA Training opportunities:

- **Thursday 14th January 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom: 'Using data to improve outcomes for children' led by Alan Richards (NLG and Chair of HCAT)**
- **Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom: Building an emotionally intelligent governance team' led by Alan Richards (NLG and Chair of HCAT)**

More details and booking for each course can be found here:-

- [Using data to improve outcomes for children](#)
- [Building an emotionally intelligent governance team](#)

Representation: members of the BGA Executive Committee currently represent governors on the TEG, Alliance Board and Schools Forum.

- **The Alliance Board** is a strategic partnership between schools in Barnsley and the local authority; the aim is to raise the quality of education and improve outcomes for children and young people.
- **The TEG** is the Executive Group of the Barnsley Children, Young People and Families Trust that brings local organisations together and develops and monitors a plan for the provision of services in the borough.
- **The Schools Forum** examines issues relating to school and education funding across the borough.

If you have any questions about what these groups do, or would like further details of the BGA's involvement, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us by emailing admin@barnsleyga.org

Please let us know if you have new governors who would like to be included on our mailing list by contacting admin@barnsleyga.org

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

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