

# ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL



## Monday January 13th 2019

OFSTED INSPECTION JANUARY 8TH & 9TH

As you are fully aware, our school was inspected last week by Dr A. Mistrano (HMI). Due to the very strict protocols around inspections I am unable to share the outcomes until the report has been written, quality assured and sent for publication on our website. The report will be brief (one side of A4) and will outline the main points. This process usually takes approximately three weeks.

Looking back, it strikes me how pertinent conversations with the children are—on Monday I was in an infant classroom where the children were just about to embark on their writing. The conversation went like this:

Me: Can you remember how to start a sentence?

Child A: A capital.

Me: Yes, and what might we need at the end?

Child A: Full stop.

Me: Well done on remembering that. (I was just about to walk away when...)

Child A: And finger spaces (holding a finger up)

Me: It's a good job you said that, I might have forgotten.

Child B:(who had been listening) But you're a teacher!

Me: Yes, but teachers are always learning too.

As I walked away, child B said 'You're the boss of the school" (I smiled and continued on my way.)

Out of the mouth of babes—as the saying goes!



Being a teacher, and therefore a learner, was certainly the case during the inspection: The process was very developmental. Being "the boss" (and therefore responsible) I felt an enormous sense of pride and gratitude to all staff and everyone involved in the life of our school.

I would like to send a heartfelt thank you for your incredible response on the parent and pupil survey, for taking the time in your busy lives to complete it—it meant a lot to us as did your kind words and gestures before, during and after the inspection. Families are the heartbeat of our school community. I have never been more proud of the efforts and dedication of the school staff / adults in all roles: Deputy Head, teachers, learning support, admin, premises, governors, volunteers, catering, midday supervision, PTA and crossing patrol. The staff truly worked as a team and gave everything they had. It goes without saying, however, that your children were the stars of the show!

School life continued as normal on Friday with Years 5 and 6 resuming cornet lessons. I look forward to hearing them progress during the term on the pieces they are learning. Year 1 set off excitedly on their trip to Brooklands Museum in connection with their history topic and returned having seen buses through the ages; looked at how cars have evolved including Formula 1 cars and having had the chance to go on board the Sultan of Oman's very luxurious plane! They were able to note the clear differences between the design of Concorde and other planes. My thanks to Miss Nutt and Mrs O'Neill for organising the trip plus the accompanying staff for ensuring the children had an enjoyable day.