

Governor Newsletter

SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL

Outstanding Governance Awards 2017 Winners!

On Tuesday 5th September members of SJB's Governing Body travelled down to London to celebrate the National Governance Associations' (NGA) Outstanding Governance Awards 2017 at the House of Commons.

We are very proud to announce that our governing body was named WINNER in the Outstanding Governance in a single school category!

The category recognises governing bodies that have improved significantly over time and in doing so have made specific impacts on their school and its pupils. We were among twelve governing boards and five clerks who received awards presented by Lord Nash (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the School System) to recognise the unique and inspiring contribution that school governors, trustees and clerks make every single day in schools around the country. Each of the finalists were recognised and thanked by the NGA, the judges and Lord Nash for their significant voluntary contribution to education and their impact on lives of so many young people.

The judges announcing our category, Duncan Haworth and Siddique Hussain, described and applauded our governing body for "demonstrating excellent interaction with school pupils, parents and staff" and praised our engagement with stakeholders. Judges also commended the "strong set" of governors as shaping the long-term strategy of the school "with a hardworking and thorough approach to governance."

We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded this prize. It reflects the hard work and commitment of all of our governors, but also the willingness of our staff, pupils and wider community members to engage with us as we conduct our business. The award ceremony was a celebration of school governance and its important contribution to the education sector. In receiving the prize, we represent the huge numbers of volunteer Governors across the country who are passionate about education and its importance for our children and communities.

