

6 Months in at Buxlow Preparatory School: Thoughts From our Head

Head, Christine McLelland, reflects on her time at Buxlow with the help of her Year 5 pupils.

Hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the spring term with an event packed summer almost upon us. It has been a wonderful whirlwind of a year so far and I have certainly found myself in a brilliant school. There's #BuxlowBrilliance everywhere I look. Reception have made enormous progress since September and are now independently writing sentences, know their number bonds and so much more! If ever I need a pick-me-up then I head to Reception to flick through their learning journals which are bursting with photos and evidence of their progress. Being in a small setting is so rewarding. Knowing all the children and parents, being more hands on and available is really satisfying and a high point in my day. I've loved teaching Year 5 this year - two sacred hours a week where I cannot be interrupted and can get stuck into some really great discussions.

I asked some of the Year 5 pupils to help me with this part of my reflection of the year thus far. Here's what they had to say:

How do my current pupils describe me?

We think you're really funny. You're a great teacher, so passionate. We always enjoy having your lessons because you're always smiling. Even when things go wrong you still smile. You're very smart and we can share anything with you.

What should I be most proud of since I joined Buxlow?

We think you always look smart and happy. You spend time in classrooms even though you are so busy. You've planted daffodils and bought us new plants. Most of all, you make time to teach and have resisted the temptation to take a sneak peek at our production rehearsal. I love that we can talk to you whenever we want to.

What's brilliant about Buxlow?

Buxlow is a small school, so it feels like a family here. We make new friends all the time as more children are joining us.

What can I do next?

We'd like one more assembly a week so that we have time to come together and sing the Buxlow Song.