Mulberry
Canon Barnett Primary

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Parent Voice: Working Together to Make a Difference

Dear families,

At Mulberry Canon Barnett, we know that working in partnership with our families is essential to creating the very best experiences and opportunities for our children. We believe that every voice matters and that, by listening to one another and working together, we can continue to strengthen our school community.

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers to our first **Parent Voice** meeting of the year. Thank you to so much to everyone who took the time to join us. It was lovely to bring our families together, share more about what it means to be part of Mulberry Canon Barnett and give a little insight into what our awesome Drama Studio, Art Studio, Music Studio and STEM Room look like too!

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers-your enthusiasm and positivity made for a brilliant Monday morning! We were pleased to welcome colleagues from across the Mulberry Schools Trust to talk a little about the wonderful opportunities and experiences that children are offered by the trust. A big welcome to Ms Ward, CEO; Ms Jameson, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer; Ms Tuffee, Director of Mulberry Arts; Mr Stone, Head of Mulberry Arts; Ms Cordice, Director of Marketing and Communications; Ms Lilly, Marketing and Communications Officer; Dr Mundy, Chief Officer for Performance and Operations and our amazing Ms Mary, Executive Director of Primary Education who many of you know very well already. I am very grateful to colleagues for taking the time to join us and talking with families.

It is so important to us that every family feels welcomed, listened to and really happy with their child's school experience, progress and achievements. It was super lovely hearing all the positive feedback about what is going well for families and children and the wonderful things about our school. We have a shared ambition for our children- that they feel happy, confident and valued, enjoy their learning and are supported to achieve their very best. Alongside celebrating what is going well, parents offered some really thoughtful ideas for going forward together-I've captured these on the next page for us to reflect on together next half term!

I loved how parents were volunteering to be involved and a big thank you to parents who offered to come leafleting with us after half term-the more the merrier! If any parent would be interested in joining a Working Party to discuss together ways we can make our school evern more amazing this year then just complete the Expression of Interest Form **here** or let Ms Maliha know in the office at any time!

Thank you once again to everyone who attended-I really look forward to continuing these conversations and working alongside you as we build on all that makes our school such a special place!

Together, our voices make a huge difference.

Have a lovely extended weekend everyone.

Best wishes, Ms Anita

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Alongside celebrating what is going well, parents offered some really thoughtful ideas for going forward together and I can't wait to work with families, children and staff on what we can do next!

The wonderful ideas that came out of the Parent Voice meeting:

The joy of recognition- parents and carers shared how much children love receiving certificates, stickers and positive recognition and would love there to be even more!

Early years learning and discovery- sharing more with families about Nursery phonics, early language development through stories and the learning taking place in our youngest children's classrooms.

Bringing the learning home- parents shared an enthusiasm for fun ways to keep learning going at home, with a particular interest in more opportunities to practise maths at home, alongside their reading and spelling.

A window into the school week- parents would love to know more about when children are learning their different subjects and topics throughout the week, so they can share in their excitement, chat about their learning and feel even more connected to their child's school journey.

Keeping the joy of reading alive at home- sharing ideas around keeping reading books from school fresh and exciting, helping children discover new favourite stories and nurturing their love of reading even more.

Even more opportunities to shine beyond the classroom- parents would love us to explore together the possibilities for more after-school clubs including more sports, creative activities and clubs that build on children's learning in English and maths.

Happy, active and colourful playtimes- parents would love to be involved with our work on making our playground spaces more colourful with more opportunities for active play, friendship, imagination and fun!

Ambition and aspiration for every child- parents would love us know more about how we stretch and challenge children in their learning, and how we help every child to achieve their very best and reach for the stars.

Watch this space for news on how we take these ideas forward together next half term...!

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Reminder: Friday 16th October 2026 is an INSET day, and the school will be closed to pupils. School will be reopened on Monday 19th October 2026 as usual.