

### Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Sheen Mount Primary School.

We are a friendly school with a well deserved reputation for excellence in learning. Our committed and talented staff provide a challenging curriculum and have high expectations for all children to be successful. Lessons, after-school activities and visits provide a wide range of exciting opportunities for learning.

Sheen Mount School has many strengths. We provide a caring and supportive environment for children to learn. Our Parent Teacher Association plays an important role in our school community. As well as fund-raising the PTA arranges social events for children, parents and staff. Governors also play an active role in the life of the school. These strengths result in an ethos which values individuals and makes Sheen Mount a very special place to work and learn.

You are welcome to make an appointment for a tour of the school and an opportunity to meet the staff and children.

I look forward to meeting you.

lan Hutchings Headteacher

#### "Great children! Great staff! An outstanding school." ~ Governor

### Vision



Sheen Mount Primary School aims for excellence in teaching and learning. We promote this through an enriched curriculum and by supporting all children to fulfil their potential. A clear set of aims and values helps us to achieve this:

- To maintain and develop a strong partnership between school, home and community;
- To ensure that the school provides for cultural diversity and equality of opportunity;
- To enable children to develop intellectual independence, personal enquiry and a love of learning;
- To foster an appreciation of the needs of others and for the environment;
- To help children to take pride in their tasks and to develop organisational skills, responsibility and co-operation.

We are very proud of the achievements of our pupils and constantly strive to seek new opportunities to celebrate their successes.

#### "An innovative and progressive school to teach in with amazing resources." ~ Teacher

## **Teaching and Learning**





As part of our commitment to an excellent education for all, we offer a well balanced and creative curriculum. As well as following the National Curriculum, pupils are given access to exciting cross-curricular learning opportunities including the arts, Personal Social and Health Education, Information and Communication Technology and drama. We embrace the best teaching practices and explore new methods to tailor learning to individuals. All children, whatever their needs, are suitably supported and challenged.

Teaching and learning is closely monitored and all staff receive professional development to further enhance provision. The school achieves high standards in national tests and children leave the school well equipped to pursue their further studies and endeavours. Most of our children are able to access their preferred secondary school options.

Standards of teaching and learning were judged as "Outstanding" by Ofsted in 2007. The inspection praised the high quality of teaching by the class teachers and by specialist staff in music, science and Modern Foreign Languages.

"High expectations and excellent support for all." ~ Headteacher

# The Learning Environment



Sheen Mount School is set in spacious grounds with mature trees and open spaces creating a welcoming environment. We are fortunate to be able to offer our children access to high quality learning, play and recreation facilities including a large sports field, an astro-sports surface, a large playground and a heated open-air swimming pool.

Reception children benefit from their own dedicated play and outside learning space. Other features of the outdoor space are a trim-trail, two jungle-gyms, outdoor classroom and dedicated nature areas.

The internal learning environment is being constantly enhanced and modernised. We have a large multi-purpose hall with stage lighting and blackout facilities. Our well equipped classrooms all have Interactive Whiteboard technology. We also have a well resourced music room and ICT Suite.

The whole school community works hard to provide the very best for all children – new ideas are always being explored to make the school an even better place to play, grow and learn.

"The school is excellent, the teaching inspired." ~ Parent

### Enrichment



The school curriculum is enhanced by an excellent enrichment programme offering children enjoyment and challenge.

Throughout their time at school, children are immersed in an extensive programme of musical activities. There are opportunities for children to learn to play musical instruments and perform in choral and instrumental ensembles.

Children enjoy a wide range of sports activities using our outstanding grounds, hall and swimming pool. These ensure full access to high quality facilities and resources. Children are encouraged to join teams which engage in competitive events with local schools where we have a strong tradition of sporting success.

We arrange a diverse annual programme of extra curricular activities involving school staff and external providers. This includes sports, arts, chess and Modern Foreign Languages.

Residential school journeys are arranged to locations including Box Hill in Surrey, the Isle of Wight and France. These trips are an excellent method of developing children's skills, self-esteem and confidence. This is in addition to various class trips to support specific curriculum topics which make use of our local environment and the many galleries and museums within easy reach. "At Sheen Mount we care for each child as though they were our own"~ Teaching Assistant

## **Pupil Care and Support**





Children are extremely well supported during their time at Sheen Mount. All staff work to ensure that children thrive in a caring setting and learn to make healthy choices and gain important life skills.

Our experienced support staff enhance the class teaching and play a large part in pastoral care, particularly at playtimes. The support for children at playtime is further enhanced by our 'Buddy' system when older children assist younger children with games and activities. There are strong links with a varied range of external support agencies. Children have many opportunities to contribute their opinions about school life both informally within their class and formally through School Council.

Our Learning Support Team has dedicated bases within the school. These well resourced facilities are used to help children whose learning is developing at a different pace and who may require long or short-term individual or group support. Sheen Mount is a fully inclusive school with disabled access including a lift to the first floor.

We are able to offer extended care for children through our on-site Breakfast Club and off-site after school provision.

#### "Come and see our brilliant school, we know you'll love it!" ~ Child

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## **Come and Visit**



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Sheen Mount is recognised as an Outstanding School



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