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Dear Parents

Elizabeth O'Reilly - Chair of Governors

I am writing to share some wonderful news. Many of you will know Elizabeth O'Reilly, who has been a governor at this school since 2008, a Co-Chair of Governors in 2011 and Chair of Governors since 2014. She works tirelessly for the benefit of pupils and staff at this school and in the town, and she has seen us through some very challenging times. It has been some years since her own children left Greenway, yet Elizabeth has continued to carry out this voluntary role with the highest level of commitment to the whole school community.

Three years ago, some fellow governors decided to nominate her for a national honour in recognition of the significant contribution she makes. Colleagues, parents and others in the community wrote letters of support which were submitted along with the application in September 2014. Those of you who are familiar with the process will know that it can take years for applications to be considered.

Earlier this year, Elizabeth received a letter to say that she had been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Official Birthday Honours, which were announced on 16 June. She will receive her medal at an official ceremony in the near future.

She has been a huge support to me personally and professionally and I know you will be as delighted as I am that she has received this honour.

Regards

Katharine Ellwood