

Good bye Mrs Healy!

It is with very mixed feelings that the time has come for us all to say good bye and a huge thank you to Mrs Healy as she puts her feet up, enjoys reading many novels and relaxing into her retirement. Mrs Healy will be missed by all of us.

Mrs Healy has been travelling to and from Park Hall Junior Academy for more than 30 years. She started with us as a teacher and has taught in all year groups. Before becoming a Deputy Headteacher, she taught in Year 6. After 10 years at school as a teacher and Deputy, Mrs Healy became our Headteacher! The school became an Academy and not long after, she organised for our school building to be extended so that the children were not so cramped up in the old part of the building!

Mrs Healy has accumulated a whopping 5825 days at Park Hall Junior Academy - that definitely deserves life long membership with us! For the last three and a half years, Mrs Healy has been Executive Headteacher for the infants and the juniors.

Mrs Healy has many fond memories of her job in education. She talked passionately to a group of Year 6 children last week about how she remembers the school being very excited to have one computer to share amongst the twelve classrooms. The computer would be wheeled in on a special trolley and the children would be giggling with glee as they awaited their turn to have a go!

Mrs Healy also shared how she had to prepare all of her lessons for her class on a chalkboard which took a very long time. One memory that makes her laugh about this was as she was moving the board up to continue writing, little did she realise the back of the board had been rubbing against a cloth and was slowly rubbing some of the writing all away again! It mustn't have been amusing at the time.



Mrs Healy has always had a passion for football and often enjoys talking to the children at the gate about how Aston Villa got on over the weekend! At the beginning of her career in school, she managed our football team - and spoke to Year 6 this week about having to referee while being 8 months pregnant!

Productions were introduced in school by Mrs Healy and an ex-member of staff, Mr Cash. Together they worked with the children to produce the wonderful story of Oliver Twist. Her husband and son also became involved, creating the magnificent backdrop featuring hidden children's book characters - this can still be seen 22 years later in one of our school corridors. The productions and backdrops that came after have included The Wizard of Oz, My Fair Lady, Alice in Wonderland, Camp Rock, Shrek, Aladdin and Beauty and the Beast! Some of these productions and backdrops are still being used by the children today.

This week has been full of mixed emotions as we say our fond goodbyes which have included Mrs Healy catching up with ex pupils who she taught in 1995 - Mr and Mrs Dulai. She will be saying goodbye to the children in assemblies across both schools.

We wish you all the very best as you have a well-earned retirement Mrs Healy. We hope you enjoy all of the music concerts you have lined up; all of the theatre shows you are going to watch; as well as travelling around the world visiting new and old favourite places. But most of all, have a wonderful time being with your family. We will all miss you very much but know that you are only a text or a phone call away. All the very very best.

