

PUPIL VOICE MEETING

Held 23rd June 2016

NOTES

Present:

Shirley Richards

Jason Caplan

Sarah Poulter

Jacky Nicholls

And the pupils

Shirley asked what the children had been doing as members of the School Council. Their answers included:

1. Asking about equipment for outside play
2. Fundraising at the Summer Fair and being aware how much money is raised and what it is used for. This included participating on the sweets stall, the tombola, second hand uniform stall and second hand toys stall
3. Meeting up every two weeks
4. The Agenda is not currently set by the children – but they agreed it would be next year.
5. They are chosen by their classmates
6. They knew they didn't **have** to do it
7. Some had to make a speech to their classmates on what they would be doing for the School Council
8. New bench in the playground – Friendship Bench but no-one knows how it is supposed to work.

When asked about the Mindfulness Project they agreed that they were all happy to be involved and that they enjoyed participating in Mandalas. Particularly mentioned was the exercise on keeping a piece of chocolate in their mouths for as long as possible. They mentioned that lunch time was **very** noisy and that it wasn't a good experience for them.

Shirley then asked what the good points are of being a pupil at the school. These included:

1. Teachers
2. Maths and literacy classes and science (as this was sometimes held outside)
3. Kind people

4. Sharing
5. New play equipment
6. Fairs and discos
7. School dinners
8. Displays of work
9. Scale of achievements
10. Reflections on achievements displayed in school
11. Golden Time
12. Touch Screens in classrooms
13. Year 6 Clubs at lunchtimes
14. Drama Club
15. Dance Club
16. Football on Tuesday
17. They mainly felt safe although they talked about some fights around sweets and Year 2 girls bossing people about
18. School Council and other clubs
19. Guided Reading

They were particularly pleased about the ICT in the school and Chrome Books were mentioned.

Shirley then asked what changes they might like to make around the things they didn't like. These included:

1. Lunchtime is too noisy and they would like the teachers to change this
2. They talked about separating play areas if possible for some play times
3. They wanted learning to be more fun – in maths they play games but in literacy they “just do”
4. There is always a rush to the Circle Table and some people get hurt
5. It was put forward that perhaps one class per day should **not** go to assembly so that it is not so busy and noisy
6. They would like lining up to be more controlled and quiet
7. They were concerned about doors in school and particularly the Fire Escape Doors where fingers got caught. They saw this as a safety issue.