

## School Council Report

October 2016

### Lunchtimes at Bursledon

To start the year, the children met together and after getting to know each other and discussing the responsibility of being a school councillor, we arranged our first competition to announce Pupil Voice week - during this week each class had a meeting to discuss the importance of having a voice and what that meant for us as a Federation. We began a competition for the children to take a Pupil Voice Week Selfie (#pupilvoiceweekselfie) to raise an awareness of pupil voice and hear children's views on the importance of pupil voice in school.

With pupil voice as a focus, the whole school council met on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, with Miss Pinniger and Mrs Fisher (Governor Partner) present. The main item on the agenda was to discuss pupil perception of lunchtimes across the Federation and gather ideas for improvements.

Each class had previously had a class council meeting where lunchtimes were discussed and each child encouraged to have a voice. The feedback from these meetings was shared at the school council meeting and discussed further.

### Positive feedback about the lunchtime experience:

- 'People seem happy'
- 'Excellent grounds available'
- 'We get free time'
- 'Clubs are good' - Football and computer club
- 'I find it exciting in the hall and outside'
- 'We have opportunities to play with friends and chat'
- 'I like it when it is quieter when we are eating'
- 'Playing on the field'
- 'Seeing the sign that says you can play on the trim trail' (Infants)
- 'Having lots of people to play with'
- 'Love chasing games'

- 'Playing football'
- 'Friendly and helpful dinner ladies'
- 'First aid is good'
- 'Enjoy the food'

### Feedback for improvements:

#### Dinners:

#### Environment:

- 'Don't like the noise in the hall' (Infants)
- 'People shouting in the hall'
- 'Don't like being disturbed when eating'
- 'People pushing in the dinner line'
- 'The music in the hall being played is sometimes old - want up to date music'
- 'Very noisy both inside and outside'

#### Organisation:

- 'We would like year groups to be called together for hot school dinners and packed lunch so we can sit with our friends' - 'We don't get to sit with each other'
- 'We want to sit with our friends at lunchtime'
- 'Not enough benches when we eat outside - we don't like sitting on the floor'

#### Eating experience:

- 'A healthier menu'
- 'Remind children to bring healthy snacks'
- 'Can we bring water bottles out to playground at lunch? - can we have a water station outside to put them?'

#### Playtime:

#### Adults:

- 'There are lots of people not doing what the adults ask them to do'
- 'All of the adults need to know the same rules'
- 'There are not enough tokens being given out'

#### Space:

- 'Not enough room for gymnasts'
- 'Too busy outside' (Infants)
- 'Children are not giving each other any space'
- 'Not any quiet space'
- 'Not any space to read'

#### Experience of playtime:

- 'Children not playing fairly'
- 'Seeing fighting (play fighting) between children'
- 'Rough/ fighting games / Too much violence'
- 'We hear swearing at lunchtimes'
- 'Lots of football problems - we need a ref- football rules need support during the game' (Coaches or yr 6 needed to help)
- 'Do the boys respect the girls?'
- 'Not many girls allowed to play football'
- 'There are people playing behind the bushes and swinging on trees it is not keeping us safe'
- 'Very noisy both inside and outside'
- 'People not wanting to play with me'
- 'Children chasing me when I don't want to be chased'
- 'Children getting left out'
- 'Not enough tokens being given out'
- 'Not enough play equipment'
- 'Children staying in cloakroom'
- 'Children being silly in the toilets'
- 'Kissing games being played'
- 'Children not putting rubbish in the bins'
- 'Too much boyfriend and girlfriend chat'

#### Suggestions from children:

- More lunchtime staff
- More seats on the playground
- School council to make leaflets of suitable games
- Benches in the corners of the playground

- Quieter music
- We would like more lunchtime clubs
- We need to show more respect to the school property and play equipment
- We need to take more care of the pond
- Can we have orange and red cards for time out?
- Buddy post?
- More medical wipes outside
- Adults all need to know the same rules
- Lunchtime poster- with rules on about outdoors- playground rules and reminders of buddies
- Ideas - frisbes, basketballs, bigger hula hoops, ropes for skipping, hurdles, new trim trail, mini goals, mini park, play equipment
- We need a different set up
- A mascot for Buzz Radio
- More equipment
- A prize- 1 or 2 people get to come up in assembly and then the next week they get to do something fun at lunch time with a friend on a Monday

To engage the children and parents in our Healthy Schools initiative, Rachael Foden came in during parents evening to talk to the parents and children about portion sizes, healthy options and had tasters available to try. She shared the new menus with us and was able to get a feel for the parent's and children's perceptions of school lunches.

After this, the children then met again with Miss Pinniger to enjoy lunch together alongside the Catering Team - Amelia, Rachael Foden and Senior Hampshire District Manager, Kim- to discuss enhancing the food experience at lunchtime and to gauge the children's perceptions from previous class council meetings.

- At the next school council meeting the children will be introduced to the idea of rights and responsibilities, look at the chart example and begin to create our own version of this.
- The PTA will also have a slot at the meeting to come and talk to us about lunchtimes and for the team to share some of their ideas about equipment that the school may need.
- The school council are also starting their very own portfolio to evidence their impact throughout the year!