

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting: 28/04/2015

Led by: Mrs Lloyd

1. During our meeting, we discussed positive changes that School Council has made to the school environment this year.

Changes made	Impact on school
Painted walls in lunch hall	We feel that it is now brighter and a more pleasant dining experience.
Designated area for Packed lunches	We feel that it is much nicer to sit at tables to eat packed lunches. It is nice to have a separate area.
Different food company	We feel that there is more choice and the food is nicer.
Buddy Bench +buddies	It is working well. School council reps + friends work on a rota and the buddy bench is regularly manned in both reception and main playgrounds. Children are beginning to make use of the buddy bench if they need a friend.
Play equipment	We are enjoying having some play equipment to use at lunch times.

Matthew and Emma in Year 6 have agreed to make a Power Point presentation to show all the positive changes that have been made. We will use this in a KS1 and KS2 assembly to present this information to the rest of the school.

2. We discussed changes that haven't yet been made but will be made soon.

Change	Action
Soothing, calm music at lunch times	We have been told that this should be in place by the end of April.
Menu boards	We have been advised that boards will soon go up around the school to show the menu for the week.
Drinks bar	We have been told that there will soon be a water station
Painting/pictures on walls	We have been told that each class will soon get a large board to paint which will then go up in the lunch hall
Heating – often feels cold in the hall	Mr Strowger is looking to fix this.

3. We also discussed any issues regarding playtime/lunchtime.

Issue Raised	
Kitchen staff to listen to meal choices when serving	Some children said they often ask for a certain meal and the kitchen staff put something completely different on their plate. They would like to be listened to.
Better presentation of food	Some children said that when food is served it gets piled on top of each other. They would like to see better presentation of food so it is more appetising.
More cups needed	Some children suggested the cups should be left next to cutlery so they know which ones are the clean ones.
Trays for ks1 children	Some younger children would like trays so it makes it easier to remember to take a cup, cutlery, salad...
More bins	Some children suggested that there should be more bins in the hall to stop litter on the floor.
More tables for packed lunches	They like the new packed lunch area but feel that there could be more tables as a lot of ks2 children bring packed lunch.
Save some food back for Ks2 children who have been to clubs	Some children who do clubs are finding that when they get to eat there is not much choice left.
A shelter in the playground	It was suggested that it would be nice to have a quiet area/shelter in the playground. When it is hot, there is not much shade in the playground at the moment.
More playground equipment needed	The children suggested adventure play equipment, reading shed, logs for sitting, painted snakes and ladders, giant chess board, hop scotch.