

Parent governor meeting – Boskenwyn 8.11.22

Present: PB, FT (governors) and 10 parents

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PB discussed the recent inspection and explained that gradings could not be shared until the final report is published. This could be near to Christmas but we will let everyone know when it arrives. We talked about how the inspectors were impressed with the personal development, leadership and management, behaviour and attitudes and quality of education in our school. The lead inspector said that if he could write in the report that all schools should do things our way then he would. Parents asked lots of questions about the inspection process and PB explained how the inspection process worked; Inspectors visited classes, spoke to staff and children, looked at books, observed teaching and did a deep dive into the 4 subjects of early reading, maths, history and computing. The parent comments were all so positive and the inspectors were impressed by parental involvement, particularly Nancy's survey about clubs and the impact this has had in creating larger, staff and parent led clubs.

Eco club

PB mentioned Eco Committee for children. Mrs Rusga is going to set up the Eco Committee this term and would like parent volunteers. Chris mentioned solar panels and as sustainability is one of the headings the Eco Committee will be investigating then we will look into this. Chris mentioned funding which could be linked to this and will forward any links he has. Tom mentioned that a payback calculation could be done, he also has links.

Santa Fun run/clothes bags

Harriet spoke about her concern over the single use red outfit used for the fun run. We all agreed that in future, we will do the run but wear our own outfits. Some could be made in art club by parents and children. Tom mentioned having membership to the scrap store if needed. Harriet also expressed concern about the bags of clothes. Some may be used to create enterprises but some go to landfill so we discussed ways of preventing this/. Harriet is awaiting replies but in the meantime we could do a Swish event; to raise funds but also to raise awareness of single use fashion. This is where you bring 10 items of clothing and swap them to refresh your wardrobe and charge a set fee for this.

Soup for school

PB mentioned speaking to a headteacher in Belgium and they are offering free soup for children so they have a hot meal and to tackle the food crisis. PB thought this would be a good idea once or a few times a week (what we could realistically manage). Parents were enthusiastic and talked about the Gleening network, Vicky's Bread and gave lots of ideas for involvement from the children. This can also be picked up by Eco Committee and PB.

Thank you to all who attended. We hope to see more at the next meeting on 12.1.23 at 2pm in Mr Watson's green room.

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