PUPIL COUNCIL LEARNING WALK – SUMMER TERM 2018

PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR

Background: Pupils wanted to investigate playtime behaviour, safety and the types of games played.

What was done?

Surveys were carried out by the student council in the infant and junior playgrounds and a series of questions were asked.

What were the main findings?

1. Almost everyone feels happy and safe on our playgrounds.
2. Children felt that adults on the playground kept them safe and gave them good advice.
3. Most people like our playgrounds but some would like to see improvements.
4. Main games played were: hide and seek, football, netball, gymnastics, piggy in the middle and tig.
5. If anyone had a problem they felt they could tell friends, mid-day assistants or teachers.
6. Some children found the playgrounds a bit ‘boring’ and wished they had more to do.

What was done about it?

* Pupil council selected playground improvements with Mr Stenson, e.g.

more equipment, fix monkey bars, more room for competitive games, zoned areas, etc.

* Significant purchases of play equipment for both playgrounds with money from the school PTA.
* Astro-turf purchased for infant playground to improve the play surface.
* Mid-day assistants operate new zoned areas.
* Mid-day assistants to help any children who are feeling upset at lunchtime.