Lunch Portion Sizes

Query whether portion sizes are the same for Year 6 pupils and younger pupils, as reports that some Year 6 pupils are coming home very hungry. Ms. Steele reported that they do get a larger portion and if there are any left overs, they are given to those pupils (as they are the last into eat and want to avoid wastage). There is always the salad bar and bread – Ms. Steele will look into what is left in the salad bar by the time Year 6 get into lunch, as reported that there is 'nothing but lettuce left'!

'Walk a mile a day'

School still looking into logistics of this, where pupils walk a mile during school time every day. At this time of year, the school field is muddy and not practical until the weather is better (possibly in Summer months). Taking the pupils to the local park is not practical on a daily basis as the staff to pupil ratio is too high (even with parent volunteers, this can't be guaranteed on a daily basis). This item will be discussed at next month's staff sports meeting.

Lost Property

All uniform found is taken to the office and if labelled is returned to owners immediately. If it is not labelled, it is then put in the PA box to be sold as second hand uniform after a week of not being claimed. There are still loads of unlabelled uniform and as you can images this is sometimes difficult to find owners for. Previously a lost uniform box was in use but was often misused, left with the lid off, uniform hanging out and uniform getting wet. PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORM. If donating old uniform to the second-hand uniform sale, please remove labels so as not to confuse.

More notice for assemblies

Wherever possible, good notice is given unless something changes at the last minute.

Positive Feedback

Reception – thank you for the phonics sessions – very useful.

Year 6 – positive reaction to the morning song (lead up to the production) – great for morale.

Music

Despite rumours regarding Music & Arts cuts in schools, Gresham is committed to funding music programs. We have Mrs. Hughes teaching African drums to juniors, Pop choir run by Ms. Steele, recorders for infants and 'Soundstart' Cellos & Violins which will be continuing with Ms. Steele supporting.

Year 5 School Trip

They have had Whitgift week and Science Night and will be having a trip next term but dates are provisional at the moment.

Year 5 points

Some pupils have reported that some prefects have deducted 'Dojo' points. Ms. Steele has confirmed that prefects can only suggest rewards for positive behavior and not deduct points.

Steel Pans

Currently these are only being used by Year 6 due to the size and difficulty of the instruments, however every year group got the opportunity to have a go during Multi-cultural week. The steel pans are hired by the PA on a yearly basis (this is the first year) and will review at the end of the year whether this will continue.

After-school activities (Not After School Club) snacks

Currently pupils attending after-school activities are permitted to bring a snack to eat before the start. However, many snacks supplied are very unhealthy, litter is left lying around and some pupils are taking so long to eat that the start of clubs are substantially delayed, sometimes up to 20 mins. This issue is being discussed and there may be a change next term where there will be no snack for non-sporting clubs and a small piece of fruit or veg (healthy snack) that can be eaten quickly. This will be trialed for the summer term.