

Parent Rep Meeting & Ms Steele – Spring (2) 2023

1. Baby Chicks

The reception children have absolutely LOVED having the baby chick in the classroom. It has been so exciting for them. A big thank you to Mrs Atkins and Mrs Noonan.

2. KS1 Parent lunches

A request to give feedback on the parent lunches for KS1 was made.

Ms Steele pointed out that the aim of the lunches was to give parents the chance to be in school and enjoy eating with their child. If parents have any feedback they wish to share please contact Ms Steele.

One request from some of KS1 parents was onions in the pasta sauce, please can they be removed or better still blended so that children can't see them.

3. Croydon Stand Tall

Was the Croydon Stand Tall art initiative considered, what was the outcome?

It was considered but wasn't taken any further due to many things going on at present. The school will be taking part in a project run by Trinity – watch this space.

4. Sports Assembly

A request was made to provide a brief summary or list of events that the awards relate to and which children or group of children will be getting an award so that parents can plan accordingly.

Going forward the school include which activities or events will be awarded e.g. swimming gala, cross county etc.

5. Selection for sports trips

It was raised that some children get picked more than others for external sports trips.

Everyone gets an opportunity to participate in a variety of sporting events. For non-competitive events children will be invited to participate based upon a number of factors, but each child will get an opportunity to participate during their time at Gresham.

Obviously, some events are competitive so the school will look to pick the best team.

6. Year 6 Lockers

Currently there is only enough space for one year 6 class to have lockers in the corridor outside their classroom. Initially it was the school's intention to swap half-way through the year and this was explained to both classes at the beginning of the new school year, but unfortunately this has not been possible due to health and safety reason.

It has also been contemplated swapping round the classrooms but the logistics of such a move considered too disruptive for staff.

Ms Steele recognises that Neptune have missed out and is allowing Neptune into lunch first for the rest of the year to compensate.

7. Rainbow maths

It was felt by some children that not all classes did Rainbow maths. All classes take part in Rainbow Maths or an alternative maths scheme depending on the personalised learning of the class and the preference of the class teacher.

Likewise, each teacher has their preferences on if water bottles are allowed on desk or are to be kept in a tray and this depends on the class.

8. School Dinners

Feedback from some of the older children was that food was cold and that portion size was inconsistent and the order that children go into lunch.

Children go into lunch in register and class order. Sometimes children are delayed going into lunch but this is predominately down to classes not lining up quietly/properly. All children receive the correct portions as determined by the government. However, Year 6 occasionally get more choice and are often offered seconds.

The year 6 classes have recently swapped round with the possibility of mixing up the order KS2 classes go in once thing has settled down.

Currently all year 6 are required to eat their packed lunch in the dining hall rather than in the outside pergolas due to bad weather. Behaviour outside in the past has not been what the school expect however in the summer term there will be a trial of eating outside for Year 6 with clear expectations given.

9. Assembly benches / Pack lunch outside

Year 6 were given the privilege of sitting on the benches for assembly and eating their packed lunch in the outside pergolas, however both privileges have been removed.

Ms Steele has already sent a letter to all year 6 parents about this matter

10. AoB

A number of parents wanted to feedback that Mrs Gough has been really proactive and supportive in her future role of SEN leader, which is really appreciated and parents are looking forward to working with her when she takes on the full-time role in September.