

Lunchtime Review Spring Term 2017

Monday Art Club run by Mrs. Burton continued on from the autumn term. This is a very popular club with children from all classes taking advantage of the varied activities on offer. Mrs. Burton spends a lot of time sourcing interesting and seasonally themed creations suitable for the short half an hour slot. Mrs. Leaman lends a supporting hand although the older pupils are very helpful if one of the younger ones struggles. All the children enjoy taking their finished pieces home to show off. Mrs. Burton updates the display board (outside office) on a regular basis with examples of the art works and photos taken during the sessions. She has also put together a lovely folder which can be viewed in the reception area.

Friday ICT Club run by Mrs. Weatley. During the colder season some children prefer the option of another indoor activity. Each week the children were given a theme to research and explore. At the end of the sessions they would come together and discuss their findings. Some opted to create a presentation helping each other navigate through the different menu options. Copies of presentations can be viewed on the display board outside the office.

Mrs. Weatley will run some outdoor activities during spring term which will promote physical exercise (skipping, rounders, parachute etc.).

Playground Activity Zones

The school council was given the task to create a plan for different zones for the large playground and gather ideas for activities from each class. After a few meetings a final plan and rota was agreed and implemented. Mr. Naylor, every morning, would put out the equipment needed for the lunchtime activities for the day. This helped to make better use of the more limited space available outside during the wetter season. Games and play sessions (play-leaders) were run much safer and there was less falling out over equipment and space. Many children like the clearly designated areas and find it easier to choose an activity.

Play-Leaders

Tuesday Class 1, Wednesday Class 2, Thursday Class 3

A new group of pupils from Class 3 were chosen to plan and deliver playground activities for other pupils at school. The new leaders were as usual, guided through the different stages of planning for the different sessions for the weeks ahead.

House colours seating

This has been very successful! All the staff agree that the behaviour in the hall has vastly improved. Although not always popular, the decision to seat the pupils in house colours helped with integrating

the younger children into the lunchtime routine and sort out some behaviour issues. Very quickly the youngest children were much more independent and settled. Every Friday the children were able to sit at a table of their own choice and it soon showed that the class 1 children would choose independently with confidence.

It has been agreed to go back to free choice as the initial problems have been resolved.

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