

Lunchtime Review Summer Term 2018

Behaviour

Generally behaviour has been good. As usual at this time of year we find that some relationships amongst pupils are being tested due to tiredness and moving up to a new class or school. Staff are working hard to ensure a positive and supportive lunch break and are dealing with issues as soon as they arise to help pupils to move on.

New Equipment

The new playground toys are being enjoyed by all ages. The selection of the different PE themed toys was a team effort (lunchtime staff) and resulted in a varied/exciting selection, ranging from a wall-mounted basketball hoop to a trio of diablos.

Clubs

Monday: Art Club run by Mrs. Burton. This continues to be as popular as ever with children from all classes taking advantage of the varied activities on offer. This term saw numbers remaining at a high level (lunchtime staff member had to be re-assigned to support Mrs. Burton) as the reception children especially love taking home their creations. Mrs. Burton spends a lot of time sourcing interesting and seasonally themed creations which support educational targets such as fine motor skills. Often activities are cross-curricular and the children get introduced to different subjects such as for example the weather (weather plate, observation/forecast) and RE (Easter basket). Examples of the different activities and photos of sessions are displayed on the board outside reception.

Wednesday: Sports Activity supervised by Mrs. Calvert. Different activities are organised, using outdoor play equipment, which encourage proper use and inclusion. One of the favourite and still hotly anticipated activities is the scooter and trike session for Key Stage 1. Weather permitting, the school's own safe 'vehicles' are brought out and ridden in a marked out area on the large playground. The running of this very busy activity is made so much easier because of the freely volunteered help of some of the older Key Stage 2 children. It is lovely to see how patient and kind the children are with each other. Other activities include rounders, skipping and parachute.

Play-Leaders

Play Leaders programme for Year 5 and Year 6. Volunteers from each year were chosen to plan and deliver playground activities for other pupils at school. Tigers Trust staff worked with the children every Tuesday, teaching them about assessing risks, organisation and adapting games to their peers needs. Some of the children picked for this programme are not natural leaders and it is nice to see they are keen to be part of this group.

The Play-Leaders' support during lunchtime is very much appreciated by the staff as it helps with providing different activities for the pupils and encourages positive behaviour.

Drop-in Session run by Mrs. Toth.

These sessions are a vital part of our lunchtime support for the children that need a little more help with solving a problem. Most issues that arise during break time are minor and can be dealt with by any of the staff using restorative practices. Sometimes, however, a more in-depth approach is needed and that is when Mrs. Toth becomes involved.

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