

# School Council May 2023

Many classes were very complementary about

- **Mindfulness ambassadors**
- **Chalk in playground**
- **Reading Buddies**
- **Miss Martin's butterflies**
- **Friday Playground swap**

## Items

### 1. Non-Uniform Day

P7 requested that they like would like more dress up days, so to celebrate the Derry Hurlers getting to the All Ireland Finals on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June- we will dress in **red** and white colours this **Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> June)**

### 2. Play/play equipment

P1 requested more chalk, hula hoops and skipping ropes. The new equipment has arrived and will be in the foundation stage playground this week.

No play equipment in the morning as we do not have all staff available for supervision.

### 3. Football

Sorry P1 no footballs in your playground due to limited space and your safety.

KS2 playground-pupils have reported that "football is aggressive!"

This has been an ongoing problem. SC will ask Mr Doherty to make a new rota for football and to use O' Donnell Park. Football will only be played at break time. If the ball lands in the field, we will have to wait until the Mc Mullan girls bring them back! There will be no football on Fridays because classes have swapped!

#### **4. Talent Show**

Classes are to have their heats and put forward the top 3 acts for the Key Stage Finals. There will be a Foundation/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 final. Finals to be held on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**P5 had asked if they could do a talent act with someone from another class. SC said that could be possible and this would be looked at on an individual basis.**

#### **5. Outdoor FS Play Area/Bug Hotel/Greenhouse, Sketching Area**

There is a timetable for this. Ask Mrs Vallely if your class would like to be put on the timetable.

SC thought it was great that P3 wanted a bug hotel and they are free to choose where it should go!

SC would like to thank the P7 girls who are taking responsibility to clean this. Some classes asked for a bigger greenhouse but SC thought that our current greenhouse is not being used fully. All classes are free to use the green house.

A sketching area would be lovely – SC think it would be great if there were picnic tables out in the playgrounds for those children who would like to draw. SC will see if there is any money available for this.

#### **6. Fair Trade Picnic Day**

This was suggested by P6. We think the whole school would love this. SC could ask Donna to see if she could use Fair Trade products and those who take lunches could try to include fair trade items in their lunch boxes. We could ask P6 and Mrs O Neill for ideas.

Date to be decided!

#### **7. Charities**

P5 and P6 had great ideas on raising awareness and money for several charities including the homelessness, for the environment and children in Africa and supporting Children in Crossfire's work in Tanzania. SC welcomed all their suggestions and think this is something we should consider next year.

#### **8. Older pupils helping younger children**

The older classes would like more opportunity to help the younger pupils. P6 will now be reading buddies to P2- their teachers will discuss and arrange.

