

3rd February 2025 Community Forum Minutes

Welcome and introductions

Present: Colleen Duggan (Principal), Kenia Castillo De Pag (Parent) & Adele Teague (Parent)

Actions from Previous Meeting

Sensory Garden - we have now ordered equipment for this area and the decking has been removed

Colleen to feedback to IFG - Colleen sent an email following the Parent Forum and received a response saying all concerns would be looked into. No further complaints or concerns have been raised. There is a possibility we will move to in-house catering in the future.

Parents Evening to be face to face - Actioned, this took place in November.

Trials for sports clubs - email sent to parents asking them to email by set date if they wanted their child considered for a competitive team. There was only one response so this child was added to the list to be considered. Trials will happen for Cricket this year. Trials will happen for football and netball next year. Through our own system, we identified an extra 12 children who were added.

Y3 sports leaders - we do not have these as the role is to run activities at break so it works best for Y5/6.

However, we have started creating Y3/4 runners for playtime activities in preparation for Y5/6

Can less clubs be 'invite only' - Offered out Change for Life, Songwriters, Chess & DT for Spring. We had 3 emails for Change 4 Life (all got a space), one for Chess (the pupil was added to the waitlist as the club was full) & 3 for Songwriters (added to club).

Agenda

Ideas for how we can communicate children's successes more - following parent survey feedback: tv to be added to the Reception area. We discussed the reports add having more positive comments on them - we agreed that the summer report has a paragraph with positives

Year 3 transition - additional ideas: non-uniform on transition day works well, handover from previous teachers is successful & in other years children getting to suggest a friend to move with works well

Power Skills - following parent survey feedback about the children's resilience: parents were happy with the re-launch of the Power Skills. Colleen explained that lessons have a Power Skills focus, assembly golden certificates are now linked to the Power Skills and assemblies focus on them. The Power Skills of Character focuses on resilience.

Residentials - continue with three or reduce the offer: all parents agreed that they like the three residentials. Colleen asked if they were happy with the offer in today's cost of living climate and the parents agreed that it was a good opportunity for the pupils. Parents commented that the Y5 residential is cheaper which works well between the Y4 and Y6 residentials.

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Discos - parents requested that discos/events be straight after school as it is difficult for parents to come back to Ocean an hour later if they do not drive. We discussed the reasoning (the events need to be after clubs so all children can attend). We agreed that Colleen could liaise with the CPTA about next year's dates in advance to pre-warn and cancel clubs on the disco night.

Children desperate to get on Y5/6 field - a parent requested that the Y5/6 field is opened. We discussed how the field is water logged but agreed that we will continue to monitor this to get the children on the field as soon as possible