PUPIL COUNCIL SURVEY FEEDBACK: Dinner Menu

Meeting to share ideas was 30.3.22

Minutes typed by Cole and Mrs Logue

Duncan in P7 wrote a letter to Mrs Logue about dinner portions and also about dinner food waste. He thought is was important we talk about these concerns.

Rachel in the dinner hall also thought is was important to know what you liked and didn’t like on the school dinner menu and how she could tell her supervisor your thoughts.

The ideas from all the classes are shared below.

1. What are the favourite items on the school dinner menu and why are these so popular to you?

Reasons included meals that they would get at home.

Children said they mostly liked hot meals to the cold meals.

And obviously Fish and chips go well together as one of the most popular choices each week.

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| **The top items are:** | | | |
| Fish and chips | Beef burger | Sausages | Hot dog |
| **Other popular items included:** | | | |
| Sausage rolls | Ham wrap | Pizza | Macaroni |
| Roast beef | Steak pie |  |  |
| **Some other items groups of children mentioned were:** | | | |
| Chicken burger | Chicken guojons | Lasagne | Cheese wrap |

1. What are the 3 items you like the least and why?

Various reasons were given for a dislike but they were very personal to the individual and there was not a lot of common reasons for the choices except it wasn’t maybe like the food they are used to at home.

Two things that were shared were children would prefer a different kind of cheese and maybe in slices not grated and also they thought the Steak Pie meat was quite chewy and is more like a stew with carrots in it.

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| Steak pie | Macaroni | Tuna sandwich | Sandwiches | Curry |
| Salmon fish finger wrap | | | | |

1. Sandwich/Wrap choices on a Mon Wed and Thurs are usually chicken and cheese. Tues and Fri is usually ham and Tuna. Which ones do you like the best? What suggestions would you make for sandwich/wrap fillings?

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| **Items they liked were:** | | | |
| Ham | Cheese | Plain chicken | |
| **Items they would prefer were:** | | | |
| Corned beef | Chopped pork | Toasties | Chocolate spread |
| Salad sandwich | Bacon | Fill your own wrap | Turkey |
| butter | Cheese and ham mix. | | Jam |

A suggestion had been made about having different kinds of bread or even rolls to have fillings on.

1. Some children always bring a packed lunch. What could the dinner hall do so you would want to have a school dinner with your friends?

The children enjoyed having Crisps and juice in their packed lunch and that is not in the dinner hall. Packed lunch choices on the dinner menu would help some children choose a packed lunch, the kinds of items they can only get from home. More hot dog and burger days would be popular with children too who sometimes have a school dinner.

1. Is there anything else that is important that you think Rachel needs to know?

* Sometimes children have to use plastic forks and knives but they realise that this is because they cannot be washed quick enough from children using them. We do know that children sometimes throw these items out and so there are not as many forks as there should be.
* Some children said P1s and p2s get all the good things if there are extras from another day. The suggestion was made that sometimes the items do not go out until after P1s and p2s have been through the queue so others get a chance for the extras.
* Adding Music while everyone was eating was suggested and that is something that can happen.
* Also being able to sit with your friends, even if they were having a school dinner and you were having a packed lunch. We can do this some days but it is very important the seats are for the people with hot meals first and then we can think about sitting together.
* Other extra thoughts were having Cheese on a burger and having chicken nuggets instead of guojons.
* Discussions also took place about having icing on cakes and being able to have salt for chips. It was explained to the children about the amount of salt and sugar in food naturally and that your body should only have so much each day.

We are sharing these minutes with Rachel and the catering department at the authority and maybe they can change some things that we would like.

Thank you to all the classes for sharing their ideas for our survey.