

S2 Pupil Council Meeting

Date: 09/10/2014

Location: Cafeteria

Agenda:

1) Effective Feedback

Pupils agreed that effective feedback is given to them in a number of different ways in the school. These included:

Discussions how to improve after tests

Review and feedback given by teachers in both written and oral form, focusing particularly on areas for improvement

Pupils also receive oral feedback during class, after presentations etc

Pupils felt that the feedback was excellent in school and felt the level of discussion between class teacher and pupils regarding the report was very good

Pupils also stated that both class and Pastoral teachers make sure they feedback either before or after the report to discuss issues and progress.

2) Extra-Curricular Activities

Pupils feel they are well informed regarding the clubs running in the school through plasma screens, class teachers and the school website/twitter.

Pupils felt that others should be reminded that attendance at extra- curricular clubs gains points for class of the year. They felt this would encourage wider involvement.

Pupils also felt getting other pupils to promote clubs is effective

3) Faith Life

Pupils felt that there are a lot of opportunities to contribute to the Faith life of the school through attending Eucharistic Adoration and Mass 3 times a week.

Pupils are well aware of the Worship Group and Life Group

Pupils also felt it was good to be able to meet and talk to the NET team as they have helped make their faith relevant to them as young people.

4) Celebrating Achievement

Pupils felt that 'Pupil of The Month encourages others to achieve their best.

In Maths postcards are sent home to celebrate achievement, they liked this idea.

Pupils also like the fact that you are also rewarded for being 'Most Improved', they felt this encouraged you to do your very best at all times.

They also felt that the school makes effective use of both Plasma screens and twitter to celebrate achievement.

Pupils would like to see more subjects introduce badges to celebrate achievement.

5) E-Portfolio

Pupils started that they felt it was a useful way to keep track of their success and the development of their skills throughout the year.

Pupils commented that other pupils will often celebrate their achievements on other forms of social media but the Pupil Council felt e-portfolio was a more effective way of recording achievements.

6) Health and Wellbeing

It was felt that departments across the school contribute to HWB

Drama helps you to become more confident and build social skills.

Art helps you learn how to express how you feel about pictures through analysis

RE addresses Spiritual Wellbeing

PSHE deals with issues that are relevant to pupils

Physics teaches you about how to be safe with electricity

Canteen provides healthy food

Social subjects teaches pupils to express themselves, teaches them how to enter into discussion and justify themselves

Home Ec teaches you how to live alone and look after yourself.

7.AOCB

Pupils discussed Chewing gum in Class.M McGeehan underlined the East Ren and school Zero tolerance policy towards chewing gum.

Pupils discussed cafeteria accounts at the school and wondered if there could be a joint account for family members. M McGeehan informed the council that this was not logistically possible.