

## **Parents' Forum Minutes 27.2.18**

Attended: Debbie Parks, Petya Ignatova, Sally Mc Millan, Ellie Burt, Clare Ragsdale, Pamela Gregson, Lydia Brown, Anna Jones Assistant Headteacher KS1, Kate Halliday Assistant Headteacher KS2

### **World of Work update:**

Mrs Halliday updated parents on the progress towards our World of Work theme for this year.

The focus for the summer theme week will incorporate different types of careers and enterprise, links with with learning and the future.

Pupils in KS2 had completed the national survey on 'When I grow up I want to be...' The results from the survey have now been shared in the Times Educational Supplement. Top 10 jobs nationally were:

Sports person, Teacher, Vet, Social media/ gamer, Police, Doctor, Scientist, Artist, Fire fighter/ rescue services.

KS1 / EYFS pupils will be completing this survey as well for us to look at in school in preparation for the summer theme week.

Gender: subjects that were most popular with girls are: Art/DT, Maths, PE and Science. Subjects that were most popular with boys are: Maths, PE, Art/DT and Science. These subjects are actually surprisingly similar, this was unexpected.

Update from Mrs Halliday on our links with industry– pupils have been to Toyota- they had an excellent day out. One of the pupils at MPS actually won the competition. Toyota have now committed to hosting this every year for schools. Pupils from Year 6 will be going to Rolls Royce next week.

Reception pupils have had the following visitors: Surgeon, midwife and police dog handler.

World of work letter has been sent out to parents just before half term. We have had 5 responses so far. If you have anybody who could come in to talk to pupils please let Mrs Halliday know, as she is aiming to have at least one visitor for each class in school.

Mrs Wright will be working with Mrs Halliday to organise an enterprise activity for some of the classes in the summer term, where pupils will be given a budget and asked to produce something that they will be able to sell to make a profit.

There will be a display of work from the week in Summer 2.

Ellie asked would teachers be giving the teacher perspective for those who want to be teachers? Mrs Halliday explained that this would be included, but we want to give a broad range for pupils as for some this is the only profession they have seen so far.

Infants will be doing a challenging gender stereotype activity in the summer term. This had been shared with parents' forum earlier this year. If we can get volunteers in who challenge the stereotype of typically 'male' professions, e.g. firefighter, nurse etc we will get them to come in to talk to pupils.

Mrs Jones explained that we also want pupils to see that they can go into careers based on the things they enjoy out of the classroom, e.g. music, arts, sports. We will try to get pupils to experience a range of jobs. She has contacted Aston University and Birmingham City University to see if they might be able to include us in their outreach work for primary schools as part of our raising aspirations work in school.

Mrs Halliday is also hoping to get a range of careers that involve different types of qualifications e.g. beautician or reflexologist.

### **Extra-curricular provision- sports clubs**

Lydia has asked if parents could be informed about all the clubs that we are currently offering in school, as she is worried that sometimes pupils are not taking letters for clubs that parents may feel that they would like to do. She also asked how we monitor the pupils to ensure we are giving opportunities to as many pupils as possible and how are we ensuring that we are maintaining a wide range of sports opportunities for pupils. Mrs Jones explained that due to the impact of the new before and after school club we have had to wait until this term to run some of the clubs that may usually have started already, but that now parents should be seeing a wider range of opportunities in the Spring and Summer terms.

Pam asked how do we make sure that pupils are having their lunch before or after lunchtime sports activities? Usually pupils who are attending the clubs at lunchtime are given time either before or after the club to eat.

We have had Tag Rugby this term which has been really successful run by Derby County Community Trust.

Mrs Branch has said that on the website in the PE and School Sports section there is a termly update of the clubs that will be on offer in the coming term. Please keep an eye out for this. Currently letters have been sent out for High Five netball club and Hockey club as well as the Celebration of Dance so far this half term, please keep a look out for other clubs.

The impact of the before and after school club on extra-curricular sports provision is being monitored by Mrs Branch to see how we can overcome this. This is a short term issue which hopefully will be resolved once the club has been established for a longer period of time and there are sufficient funds to provide extra accommodation for the club outside the hall.

Sally asked if there is any way that FOMPS could support the school by helping raise money for concertina doors in the hall, so that some of the area could be sectioned off for clubs. Mrs Jones to ask Mrs Powell about this, as this had been discussed provisionally last summer as a possible option.

Parents asked if we might be able to find members of staff to run some other clubs that have been previously successful- Maths Club ( although maths booster runs each week for targeted Year 6 pupils, would there be an opportunity for us to run this for other year groups as a fun club)

Mad Science ( this may be due to run in the Summer term as it usually does, Mrs Jones to speak to Mrs Cochrane about this).

More opportunities for football and cricket will be offered in the Summer term as the weather improves, although these are already offered alongside multi-sports and bench ball from Premier Sports at different times of the year as a paid club and Mrs Gerver runs a tennis club in the Summer term.

### **Sports Relief and Rammie's Daily Mile**

This will be launched in the Sports Relief Week 13<sup>th</sup> March. Staff will be asked to trial the Daily Mile with their classes over the first half of the summer term and then we will do the official challenge over six weeks in the second half of the summer term, where pupils will spend 10 mins a day as many days as possible and then at least once a week they record how many laps they have managed to do. The theory is that we should see that the children are able to do an increased number of laps within the same time, building up their stamina and strength.

### **Parents' Workshop**

Debbie has asked if there is anyone who might be able to help her with parents' workshop on Tuesdays now that Clare is unable to help out due to work. Petya has offered to do some Tuesdays, but cannot make a regular commitment due to the baby ( Many thanks to her for offering to help and to Debbie and Clare who have been doing a fantastic job this year to help us out).

### **Mini-First Aider Course**

Petya has asked if there might be a chance for us to offer a first aid course to pupils at school. She has been in contact with a local provider who would be able to help at a cost of £15 for 40 pupils ( 30-40min session as an introduction). Mrs Jones has explained that St John's Ambulance have also now designed a teacher led first aid course that we would be able to do in class and she will look into this for the summer term or autumn term.

### **Parking**

Sally has raised concerns from parents about the issues with parking outside school before and after school drop offs, as there have been a number of near misses and bad parking on Vicarage Road. Mrs Jones has asked Mrs Powell to raise concerns on behalf of the school again and to request the car with camera comes down the street again to check parking.

### **Music provision**

Parents have asked if it could be clarified which musical instruments are offered in school. Mrs Jones explained that we offer violin, guitar, brass, clarinet, flute and saxophone. These are offered to KS2. We also offer orchestra and choir for juniors.

Parents hadn't realised that we offer so much already. They asked if we could think about how to extend this provision into KS1. Mrs Jones explained that in the past we have an infant choir and recorder clubs, but that due to Mrs Hunt being on maternity leave, Mrs Branch moving to Year 2 and Mrs Clennell moving to Reception these had not been offered so far this year, but there may be opportunities for these to be run in the Summer term.

**Next meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018**