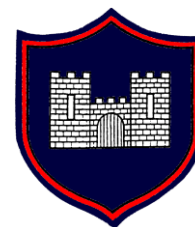




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PARENTS FOCUS GROUP

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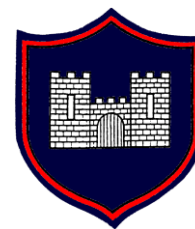
Discussion topic	Action
Fundraising initiatives - SP informed the group of fundraising suggestions, in particular provided feedback from the Schoop survey regarding the outside area. Survey results: 72% would like to see a multi use games area 57% would like to see additional bench and seating areas 84% would like shade / covered areas 59% would like different types of flooring	Use survey results as part of planning process. Forward to School Council
Schoop - General consensus that Schoop is working well for parents. It was felt that the App provided a great communication tool and was beneficial to parents and children.	Further develop Schoop as a communication tool. Encourage two way communication with more parent completing forms etc.
Newsletters Parents are enjoying the weekly newsletters.	Continue to publish weekly.
Website - Parents would like to see more class work on the website. For example, examples of work completed by children to be uploaded on the website. Artwork / photographs etc. - Parents would like to see the website include more information on the week to week activities in the school.	Class Newsletters already uploaded to class pages. Class teachers to forward photos etc to SP.
Blackboards - Blackboards to be updated with class / school information. It was suggested maybe older children could be included to update the boards on a termly basis. - Blackboard Monitors / link with School Council	Update blackboards



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Twitter Consider class teachers uploading class work or photos to Twitter.	
Facebook page Parents suggested a school Facebook page which could be used for information / promotion purposes. Comments would be limited.	Liaise with JT
Open Afternoons Some parents suggested open afternoons in classrooms to view the children's work.	Discuss with SLT
Parents Evenings Parents were positive about parent's evenings and enjoyed viewing the children's work and gaining feedback from the teacher.	Feedback to teachers
Parent Suggestion Form Parents liked the idea of the parents suggestion form and they were informed of the location of the form. SP informed the parents that the school would look to develop an online form to encourage parents to provide feedback on a number of issues.	Paper form implemented Develop online form
Homework - A parent suggested that homework could be included on the website for parents to view, particularly over the holiday period. SP informed the group of the use of You Tube within some classes. - RE and SP also informed the group of parents maths sessions that are used to help parents understand how maths is taught in school.	SLT to discuss Information
Forest School It was suggested Forest School would be ideal for the children. Bridgend College offer Forest School sessions and it was suggested that these would make a nice visit for children.	Information

Next meeting to be arranged for six weeks.