

Academy Council 17/09/24

1. Read through minutes of last meeting
2. Swimming update:
 - Kevin updated on the mobile pool currently on site. Y4/Y5/Y6 are having intensive swimming lessons. They are in groups of ten pupils in each lesson with two swimming teachers.
 - The lessons have started and are going well
 - The pupils change in the extended schools room which has been divided into two, separate, private areas.
 - Having the lessons at school saves travelling to Mile End and means the pupils do not lose lesson time.
 - The water is warm - 30+ degrees!
 - The pupils are enjoying the lessons!
3. Cake with Kevin
 - Every week teachers choose a pupil from their class who has displayed one of the school values (Integrity, Community and Excellence). They receive a written postcard and Old Ford pen in assembly and also have 'Cake with Kevin' on a Friday playtime. We have given some thought to how this cake fits in with the school's approach to healthy eating. The Academy Council discussed and it was felt that this was fine. Pupils are clear that it is a special reward (we don't eat cake everyday!). The pupils will only win a value award once or twice a year and they only have a small, plain cupcake.
4. Structure of meetings
 - We will begin each meeting with introductions of all parents/carers at the meeting, names, which year group(s) your children are in etc.
5. Lunches
 - Some of the pupils have complained that they are only given small portions of food for their lunch. Kevin said he would look into this and speak to the dinner staff, however part of the reason might be pupils not taking all the things on offer e.g. vegetables. Pupils are allowed to take several salad options and bread every day.
6. Parents having lunch with pupils
 - Kevin said the school would restart this again as it was very popular
7. Fruit during breaks
 - A question was asked if pupils could bring fruit to have at break time. Kevin said that this has always been the case, but probably has been forgotten about - he will speak to staff and add to the newsletter.
8. Reorganisation of classes

- Generally classes move up the school together. From YN to YR, the pupils are regrouped to ensure that there is an even spread of boys and girls and abilities. Sometimes classes are regrouped in other areas of the school for the same reason. This might be because for example, the classes have become unbalanced because of different pupils leaving and others joining.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th November at 9.15am