School Council Meeting with School Governors – Friday 4th March 2022

Present: Kevin Hogston (Chairperson)
School Council (26 pupils)

Mags Thomas, Chair of Governors
Jo Grieve, Co-Opted Governor
Helen Samuel, Parent Governor
Julia Combe, Co-Opted Governor

Mr Hogston introduced the Governors to the School Council and reminded the children of their roles as School Council members.

The children were then asked if they had any questions for the Governors.

What inspired you for the design of the Colliseum building?
There are all sorts of rules and regulations regarding the planning of new buildings. It was important for us that we had a building that worked for both pupils and teachers. It needed to be suitable for all ages and allow free movement. Great consideration was also given to the outside space.

When was the Harlequin Building built?
The Harlequin Building was completed in 2007.

Could we have more supervisors on the field as we like to play amongst and climb the trees?
Climbing the trees is not allowed as not only is it a health and safety concern but could also damage the trees. We will look at alternative climbing play equipment.

Year 6 can't see the screen during assembly?
Each Year 6 class could take a turn on the balcony. We will investigate the possibility of installing an additional screen.

What gave you the idea of building a Wellbeing Room?
The Wellbeing Room is a space for PSHE lessons which is separate from the classroom.

The MUGA hurts when you fall over. Is it possible to change the tarmac to a soft surface?
The MUGA was provided as part of the new build. We have installed mats in the football goals on the field to help with wear and tear. The field is due to be re-seeded.

Is it possible to have more play equipment for at play/lunchtime (footballs/basketballs)?
Additional PE equipment for lessons is being explored. It may be possible to set up an Amazon Wish List. A member of School Council suggested that they could fundraise.

People crowd/push around the equipment boxes.
There are equipment boxes for Years 1&2, Years 3&4 and Year 5&6. The issue of crowding and pushing will be raised with Paul Dowsett.

Is it possible to move the goals so that more children can play football?
No-one should be stopped from playing. If this is the case, speak to an adult. This will be raised with Paul Dowsett.

Leather footballs should not be used on the MUGA but no-one does anything about it.
This will be raised with Paul Dowsett. He will attend the next School Council meeting.

There being no further questions, the Governors were thanked for their time and the children were dismissed.