School Council Meeting with Pabulum Catering and Paul Dowsett (Playground) – Friday 4th February 2022

Present: Kevin Hogston (Chairperson)
School Council (26 pupils)
Mike Richardson, Pabulum Catering, Sales & Marketing Director
Tony Wicking, Pabulum Catering, Head of Operations
Pete O'Connor, Pabulum Catering, Operations Manager

Mr Hogston introduced Mike Richardson who explained that Pabulum want to provide Collis with hot, nutritious, healthy food and for the children to understand where the food comes from. Pabulum have been the school caterers since the start of January 2022.

The children were given the opportunity to feedback what they considered were good things about Pabulum:

- The menu repeats every three weeks. *Mike Richardson said there will be a new menu in April*
- The hygiene levels had raised
- Favourite lunch (sausage and mash)
- Favourite pudding (waffles)
- Food is better

The children were then asked if they had any questions. These were answered by Mike Richardson, Tony Wicking or Pete O'Connor:

How long does it take to cook the school lunch?
The chef starts at 7.30am by making the bread for the day, this is followed by preparing the desserts and then the main meal. The whole process takes about 4 hours (500 meals).

What is in the burgers?
Burgers are not only made of meat. They also contain healthy vegetables and pulses.

Where do the ingredients for the food come from?
Pabulum use fresh, seasonal ingredients which are locally sourced as much as possible.

What are the most used ingredients?
Carrot and cucumber.

Where can we find out what is 'bread of the day'?
There is a notice on each napkin dispenser stating which bread is on the table.

The Pabulum team left the meeting.

Mr Hogston introduced Paul Dowsett who wished to discuss what play equipment would be desirable in the KS1 part of the playground.

Paul Dowsett explained that the CSA (the group of parents who raise money for the school) had agreed to fund play equipment (similar to 'Zone 2012') for the KS1 children. The equipment would be placed behind the MUGA and would take the form of a climbing trail/obstacle course. The equipment should be challenging but not too difficult and should be something the children can keep moving on.

The School Council were then shown a slide show of types of equipment and asked for their thoughts as to what should be included:

Thoughts
Slide
Ropes
Swings
Wobble platform
Tunnel
Mini log walk
Climbing wall
Balancing beams
Talking flowers
Rope bridge
Arch rope crossing

All equipment would be set in astro/soft sponge.

It is hoped that the new play area would be ready for the Summer Term.

