



Re-evaluation for Investing in Children membership

Bowes Hutchinson CE Aided Primary School

Following on from the last evaluation the children at Bowes Hutchinson Primary School have continued to participate in the school agenda in a variety of ways. For the purpose of this evaluation I met with Ben, Joe, Mathew, Danny, Mollie, Tess and Michael. The children were able to tell me about what happens in their school.

Evidence of Dialogue and Change

The School Council

The school continues to provide a formal setting where children in their school have the opportunity to discuss and decide some of the things that happen. All the young people I met with are members of the school council.

‘We have been on the council since the beginning of the year’

‘We were chosen to be on it’

‘We get to say if wanted to be on it’

‘We meet once a fortnight and take turns at chair etc..’

Buddies

The buddies continue to play a very important role at the school.

‘All the buddies are in years 3 and 4’

‘We have Emma who is in year 5 and she is a mentor for the buddies’

In last years reports the young people said that ‘We set out games on the field. We split the field and put some cones out because children want to run about the field’

The new school council told me ‘This used to happen but the footy players complained as this didn’t work and that the games took too long to put out and set up’.

‘So now we have a big green box in the yard instead. We have mentors who have a key for the box and can get the toys out for the children’

‘We have circus skills games, stilts, balls and bean bags and lots of things like that’.

School Website

The children are currently creating a 'Buddy page' on the school website.

Fundraising

As always the children have been very active in raising money for charity.

'We are planning to make Christmas cards to raise money. For every order we get £1 goes to the school to raise funds to buy equipment'.

RNLB

'We did a fundraising event where we had stalls and games inc..'

- Penny Snake
- Penalty shoot out competitions
- Pay £1 to wear trainers for school
- Biscuit stall
- Posters and stickers

Children in Need/Red nose day

'For children in need we sold biscuits and gifts and had competitions'

'For red nose day you had to dress in red and pay £1 to dress up'

Our school Rabbit

'We have a school rabbit called 'Mac'. We have three rabbit relatives on the school council, we wanted to make his life better so we are going to get him a new harness and possibly a hutch'

Fairtrade

'We invited fair-trade into talk to the school and explain about their food'

'We support them'

This Year

We then went on to have a discussion about plans for the school council for this year and was told:

'We want to raise more money for 'Mac' our school rabbit'

'We are going to be researching more stuff about saving the planet'

'I would like to suggest that we buy another cow for Africa'

'We would like to do more stuff with the RSPCA'

'We are going to be having poets come in on a Thursday'

Conclusion

The children I met with at Bowes Hutchinson are all very happy and cheery with their involvement. All the children I met with feel they are able to play a part in school life.

It is clearly evident that after my discussions with the children they are still actively involved in making decisions and changes within their school. The group I met with were all happy to endorse this report and recommend the school remain Investing in Children members.

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