

Governor Link Visit Record



Governor Link Area		Pupil voice
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Agenda

It was my pleasure to meet with children from Year 2 to Year 6 to discuss their views on a range of topics relating to attendance, wellbeing, equalities and safeguarding.

Y2 group. The children spoke confidently about what they love about school – cool time on a Friday afternoon, maths, English, playtime and being with their friends. They spoke warmly of their teachers, expressing how excited they are to be in school which I loved! I asked about extracurricular activities and they spoke animatedly about the field trip they had around Leeds, the in-school visit from a farm, reindeers in school at Christmastime, sports club, Rock Steady and the after-school club. Their infectious smiles and wonderful confidence they showed was wonderful to see.

Y3/4 group. I started by asking if they enjoyed being in school and they responded by telling me they loved their lessons which were engaging and interesting. We spoke about a murder mystery afternoon they had for a history topic (next time this is planned, I've asked that they invite me in!) They expressed their enjoyment of learning in general and spoke very highly of their teachers who they felt knew them very well, in fact well enough to know if something was wrong even if the children hadn't said so. One pupil said that the staff are supportive of their talents outside the academic – her example was that her teacher recognised her footballing skills and encouraged her to explore her talent outside school. The children said they feel very safe and supported in school. They said that teaching staff are always there to listen to any concerns they may have and that they felt confident in approaching them for help and support. We discussed the "Ask It Basket" for those children who might lack confidence in asking a particular question outright. They felt that staff took them seriously and that they felt valued which I thought was a fabulous thing to say. When asked about pupils' behaviour in general they said sometimes it's not great, but that staff dealt with episodes of poor behaviour well. The children had a good understanding of the approach to discipline within school.

Y6. We discussed the recent SATS exams, and I asked how they felt about the whole process. The children expressed that they felt very well supported by staff in the run up to and during the tests. One pupil said that she was very nervous at the start of test week but rather enjoyed the challenge. The children, again, spoke incredibly highly of their teachers and the excellent support they receive both with academics and personal issues. Again, this

group felt that the teachers knew them well and that they try hard to make the pupils feel a sense of community and pride in being a St Barts' pupil. They spoke at length about the extracurricular offering and are very excited about the leavers trip to Blackpool! They had a very good understanding of the importance of attendance and gave several examples of how good attendance leads to great attainment. We talked about the various award systems in place. Finally, we talked about their transition to high school. They all spoke of different experiences with their respective new schools re: transition but all said that their teachers are supporting them in this time of change and that they feel ready for the challenges ahead as a consequence.

All the children were wonderful – confident, bright, engaged, enthusiastic and I thoroughly enjoyed my time with them and look forward to meeting more pupils in future.

Staff Signature

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