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Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents who came to parents' evening on Monday night. More than 75% of our parents attended. I was pleased that parents could see the fantastic progress our children are making through the work in the books. It was also great to see many of our children explaining the work that they had done in their books to their parents. For parents who didn't attend, a target sheet has already been sent home in your child's book bag for you to read. The target sheet explains the things your child will be trying to improve on. If you didn't attend, you can still make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. Please contact the main office if you want to do this.

Parents' Questionnaire

This week, all parents will receive a questionnaire. The questionnaire asks for your views on how well the academy is doing this year and where you think we need to improve. Please take the time to fill in the questionnaire and return it to your child's teacher. All questionnaires need to be handed in by Thursday 29th March.

Year 6 Trip

Last week, the Year 6 children visited the Deep in Hull. The children took part in a workshop where they used NASA images to locate coral reefs around the world. Afterwards, Samuel said, "We saw a rare swordfish of which there are only 200 in the world. In the workshop, we identified fake and real coral as well as explaining different food chains. We also got a really tricky challenge where we had to work out which four species could live together in a small section of water and still survive!" I look forward to seeing how the children use this new knowledge in their science and geography lessons.

Pupil Questionnaires

The children have recently completed a questionnaire. The questionnaire asks the children to give their thoughts about school. This week, I have looked at the feedback from the children in Key Stage 2. Every child in Key Stage 2 said that they learn lots in school and that they are challenged in their lessons. Nearly all of the children felt that the behaviour policy was used consistently across school which is something the staff have continued to work hard on over the last year. I was really pleased with this feedback and, as always, we will continue to work on the feedback that we have been given in order to further improve. One of our next steps is to ensure that all of the children in school understand the work that has been done by the Junior Leadership Team. This will be discussed more in future assemblies.

Attendance

Last week, the attendance of three classes was more than 99% and five classes beat the whole-school target of 96%. A special well done to Year 3 for achieving 100% and getting a golden apple on the attendance tree in our hall!

Year 4 Trip

Last week, as part of their study of North America, the children in Year 4 visited Chiquito restaurant in Leeds. I was pleased to hear that our children behaved really well. Afterwards, Arians and Destiny told me, "We really enjoyed putting corn chips into different dips. Some children even tried the extra spicy volcano dip. We also got the opportunity to taste jalapeno peppers that we could dip in sour cream. It was lots of fun trying new food!"

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher