



Breakfast with Miss Coppenhall

20.10.2021

Today I met with 10 Value's Champions from Year 1 to Year 8 who demonstrated the Value of **Respect** both inside and outside of the classroom. All of the children shared how they had done this themselves without being guided by an adult. We celebrated how they have listened to each other, even if they shared differing opinions, and thought of others as well as respecting themselves. We also talked about respecting our planet and what we can do to help the world, for example planting more trees or walking to school instead of driving.

We had a chance for the children to have a 'get to know me' time with children they do not normally have the opportunity to see across the Federation, and all children said they were really enjoying school and had settled well into their new class and year. They all said they felt really safe at school and knew who they could speak to if they needed help at any time. They said they loved being able to play a range of sports at lunch time on the playground and were particularly proud to discuss their homework projects that they have been working on. We also discussed our new Prefects and how they have seen our Prefects across the schools helping others and running clubs.

Here are the other things we talked about:

- Our topics and our lessons

Every year group talked about their favourite part of their topic learning so far.

In Year 1 the children talked about their learning, including the story of Little Red Riding Hood and how they have created their own story book using the story. In Maths, they shared how they have been counting in tens and they confidently demonstrated this counting to us all.

Year 2 explained how their work in Literacy this week has been all about a haunted house and using bullet points to plan a story before writing their own. They shared how they have been using their 5 senses throughout their stories and how this helped to add lots of vocabulary. In Science, they shared that they had been using and exploring materials to see what would be best for umbrella. They tested many materials to find which were the best at keeping their teddy dry. They explained how fabric can hold a little water, but if it is a big rain storm they would get wet because it cannot hold a lot of water. They agreed that the best was plastic as it is waterproof and the water runs off. They said it's even better if it's transparent as they could watch the rain whilst staying dry.

Year 3 discussed how they had been enjoying their topic all about Stonehenge and how they have written and shared their own poems about Stonehenge with each other. They also shared their work around Black History Month and learning about Lilian Bader. This opened a discussion around racism and how the world still has work to do, but as a school they felt that we treat everyone the same, including race and gender.

Year 4 were on their residential trip to Grafham today so did not attend. They will attend next month.

In Year 5 I was told how they had been learning about poems in English and how to write a poem. They also shared all their work on space and planets and how they had learned lots of new information. They children have also been learning about the history of the UK and explained that the longest river in UK is the River Severn.

Year 6 shared details of their projects on World War Two, including creating powerpoints to share with the class. In Maths they confidently explained how they have been converting fractions and looking at improper fractions. They shared with us all how they do this.

Year 7 and 8 keenly talked about PE and playing netball. They also shared how they have been learning about probability in maths, and explained how this works with a dice and the probability of rolling a 1. They have also been learning about the beginning of the world, including the moon and the planets.

- Favourite part of the week

They said that they have loved having the Prefects around to help, with both schools being introduced to them in assembly. One of the children today is a Prefect, and she shared the work she has planned to do next half term.

- Things you want to tell me or things I can help with

Children from the Middle School expressed that they would like the vegetable patch at the Middle School to be revamped. I explained that I will speak to the PTFA about that this evening at the meeting.



