

Gomer Young Governors Meeting

28th March 2017

Mrs Woolley

Beetles: Tyler and Darcey **Dragonflies:** Jasmine and Nathan **Seahorses:** Ted and Molly-Rose **Starfish:** Arthur and Willow

Governors: Mr Sheppard and Mrs Sutcliff

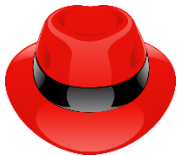
Year R children were on a trip to Longdown Dairy Farm – the classes will have an opportunity to feedback their ideas for the Forest

Aim

To find out how the children feel about Forest mornings

To find out what children find good and difficult about their mornings in the Forest.

To provide an opportunity for children to give ideas of how the Forest could be improved



Feelings – When it is a Forest Day we feel...

Excited happy enjoyable joyful inspired interested

Look forward to what we will be doing – we start getting excited in the days before

Sad (about using Year R toilet)



Good Things about the Forest...

- Hot chocolate and a healthy snack
- Making dens
- Learning about nature and looking at nature
- Choosing your own learning
- Playing hide and seek
- Digging
- Building bug houses
- Looking at how the seasons have changed
- Making minibeast shops and mud shops
- Weaving
- Sawing spending a morning with our class and friends



Things we find difficult during the Forest mornings are....

- Being distracted by noises in the Forest when having a story
- Fly's, bugs, cobwebs
- Stinging nettles and holly leaves
- Tripping over things – tree stumps and logs
- Going on a minibeast hunt and not being able to find them
- Having to use the Year R toilets – both year one and two children said they feel more comfortable using their own toilets and the Year R toilets can often be busy



Ideas for improving the Forest mornings

- Remove anything we may trip over and put them in all one place away from children

Mrs Woolley spent time explaining how the teachers do go out in the morning to remove in dangerous branches or tripping hazards to make Forest safe.

- Remove nettles

Darcey explained to the Governors about the red hazard and blue boundary sticks that should warn children when they are near nettles and other hazards

Mr Sheppard and Mrs Woolley spoke about the Forest being a home to minibeasts (spiders) and that it would not be fair to take them out of their habitat – we were visiting their home

- Let Year groups use their own toilets
- Extend the Forest and make it an even bigger place to explore
- More time to explore the Forest during the morning to find new things

ACTIONS

Children are going to ask their classes for more ideas on how we can improve the Forest mornings and what other things they would like to do in there.

Young Governors will feedback ideas to the governing body next week