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School Council

This term, the school council has decided to buy new equipment for our children to play with at lunch time. During their meetings, members of the council came up with lots of different ideas. They shared these ideas with their classmates before deciding what to buy. I look forward to seeing our children playing with the new equipment when it arrives. Next half-term, the school council, led by Miss Allan, will continue to meet and look for ways in which they can improve our children's experiences.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 4 for having an attendance of more than 99% last week. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
93.5%	86.7%	98.6%	97.2%	99.2%	94.5%	98.3%	95.3%

Year 2 Trip

Last week, the children in Year 2 visited the Emergency Vehicles Museum in Sheffield. The children learnt about different fire engines and how the fire engine has changed over time. Afterwards, Thomas told me, "I liked looking at what the Fire Service have had to wear over time. The design of the helmets has kept changing so that the firefighters were always protected. The colours on the new helmets were colourful and vivid."

Children's Parliament

Every half-term, the Waterton Children's Parliament holds a meeting. The aim of these meetings is to improve the experiences of children who attend a school which is sponsored by Waterton Academy Trust. Last week, Lyla-Mae Waldron and Harry Smith represented West End and attended the special meeting at the Hepworth Art Gallery. They considered the ways in which school meals could be improved. They also shared their thoughts on Waterton's branding to celebrate 10 years as a trust. Both children spoke excellently about the meeting and they are excited to attend more meetings throughout the academic year.

Wellbeing

Compass Wakefield has recently launched a new interactive mobile phone app called Wakey Wellness. The app aims to help local children and their families by offering advice on relationships, healthy eating and mental wellbeing. The app can be downloaded by searching for Wakey Wellness in Google Play or on the App Store.

Parents can also get free and confidential support from Compass Wakefield by texting BUZZ to 85258.

Have a lovely half-term and we will see you all on Monday 6th November. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

