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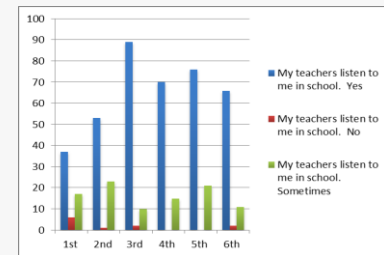
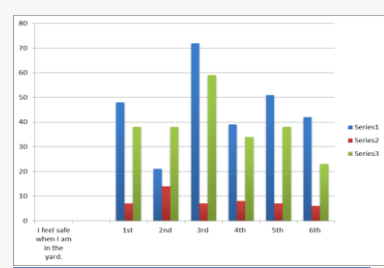
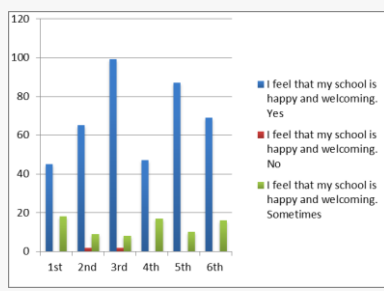
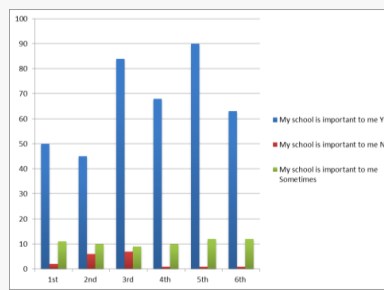
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Mental Health and Wellbeing Survey

Editorial

Rationale for our survey:

To find out what the pupils in our school like and dislike about coming



How we carried out our research: We decided on key questions and designed our survey. We used “Guidelines for Mental Health Promotion Well Being in Primary School” as a guide for our questions. We distributed our surveys to every class between 1st and 6th. After every class had completed the survey, we collected the surveys and gathered our data.

Our findings:

- Overall, our pupils feel that our school is a happy and welcoming place.
- Most of our pupils feel that our school is clean, tidy and bright.
- The majority of our pupils feel that their classrooms have enough space.
- A large amount of our pupils, particularly the older classes, feel that school is important and that their teachers like them.
- Most pupils are being taught SPHE and feel safe when they are at school.
- The vast majority of pupils feel they are encouraged to join in at school.
- If our pupils are worried or upset, they know what to do and who to talk to.
- Our pupils feel they have friends to play with at school.
- Our pupils feel that their teachers listen to them and communicate with their parents.

Another one of our findings taught us that some of our pupils feel unsafe in the yard from time to time. We considered why they might feel this way.

- A lot of footballs being used in the yard may be frightening for younger children.
- A lot of children running around in a smaller space may lead to more injuries.

Some ways in which we could improve the situation at yard time might be:

- Teaching pupils how to correctly use the ‘Friendship Benches’ in the yard. Perhaps this could be taught during our ‘Friendship Week’.
- Only footballs of size 1 and 2 to be allowed in the yard as bigger footballs and basketballs are too hard and may cause injury.
- Limit footballs to 1 per class or a ball free zone one day per week.
- At Teach t le Chéile in September, Mr. Doran will talk to the pupils about the yard areas for the different class levels.

In conclusion, we are glad that most of our pupils feel happy and safe in Rush National School.

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