



How we have improved our dining hall experience at Moorlands Schools Federation!

Time Table of our Hall

We have changed the way our dining hall timetable works. We used to eat in two separate sittings and never had the chance to talk to each other. Now we all eat at one time, spread over two halls. The year 5 and 6 eat in the main hall, the year 3 and 4 eat in the upper dining hall and the years R 1 and 2 eat in the lower dining hall. This is a great idea because we all get to go out to play together after eating lunch and we all get the chance to eat earlier so we don't get too hungry. Also we now all wait to eat at the same time. If you have sandwiches you wait and chat to your friends until they go up for their lunch and then you all eat at the same time. This means we all talk to each other. Also the play leaders have lots of help to clear the chairs etc. We are all outside by 12.30 so have lots of outdoor time after lunch too.

Special Events in the Dining Hall

We set the dining hall up differently at different times. At Christmas we have crackers and table decorations and are served by the teachers, its great fun!! We listen to Christmas music and even the sandwich children get a cracker. We also have special Soup days, Fish and Chip days, Spectacular Roast Days and days where parents are invited, like Fathers Friday and Mothers Monday!

Play Leaders

Our play leaders get to know us really well because they have the same tables every day. They take registers to make sure we have our lunch and serve us water and help the Bistro Buddies to set the tables. They make sure we eat at the right time and occasionally have to remind us to stop talking so loud!

The Appearance

Our dining halls are undergoing a massive change in appearance. They used to be unpleasant and uninviting places to eat. In fact many of us did not want to go in them. Now they have much better food and are much nicer. Our food is healthier and tastes better too. We also know what is on offer each day and it doesn't change too often. It is a much more pleasant place to eat now. We have lovely new bright coloured plastic plates and bowls instead of the horrid airline tray things and we have new cutlery baskets on each table so we don't have to carry it back to our tables with our plates. Even the sandwiches can have a plate now if they want one. The tables are now all in the same place every day so we don't get bored. Our dining halls are going to be getting new pictures and bright coloured paintings to make them more fun. We have music played to keep us calmer and Mrs Lowe says we are getting table covers and flowers too.

Black Beauty Bistro Buddies

Our dining halls were given new names. We held a competition and the winner was Charlotte from year 5. She designed "Black Beauty Bistro!" Our new bistro buddies are table captains who help to serve the water, give out the cutlery and stack the chairs. They can earn house points for doing this and get the chance to be a buddy each term if they want.

What we think!

We all think that our new dining hall, The Black Beauty Bistro. Is a great place to eat. It is improving all the time and we enjoy going in there now. We have fun chatting to our friends, enjoy better and healthier food and like the new plates. They are really colourful. We can't wait to see the tables with their table covers and flowers on. We are going to volunteer to be Bistro Buddies next term and would especially like to help the younger kids.

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