



Black Beauty Bistro

Good morning. We are Lottie, Ollie and Alfie. We are year 5 pupils at Moorlands Schools Federation.

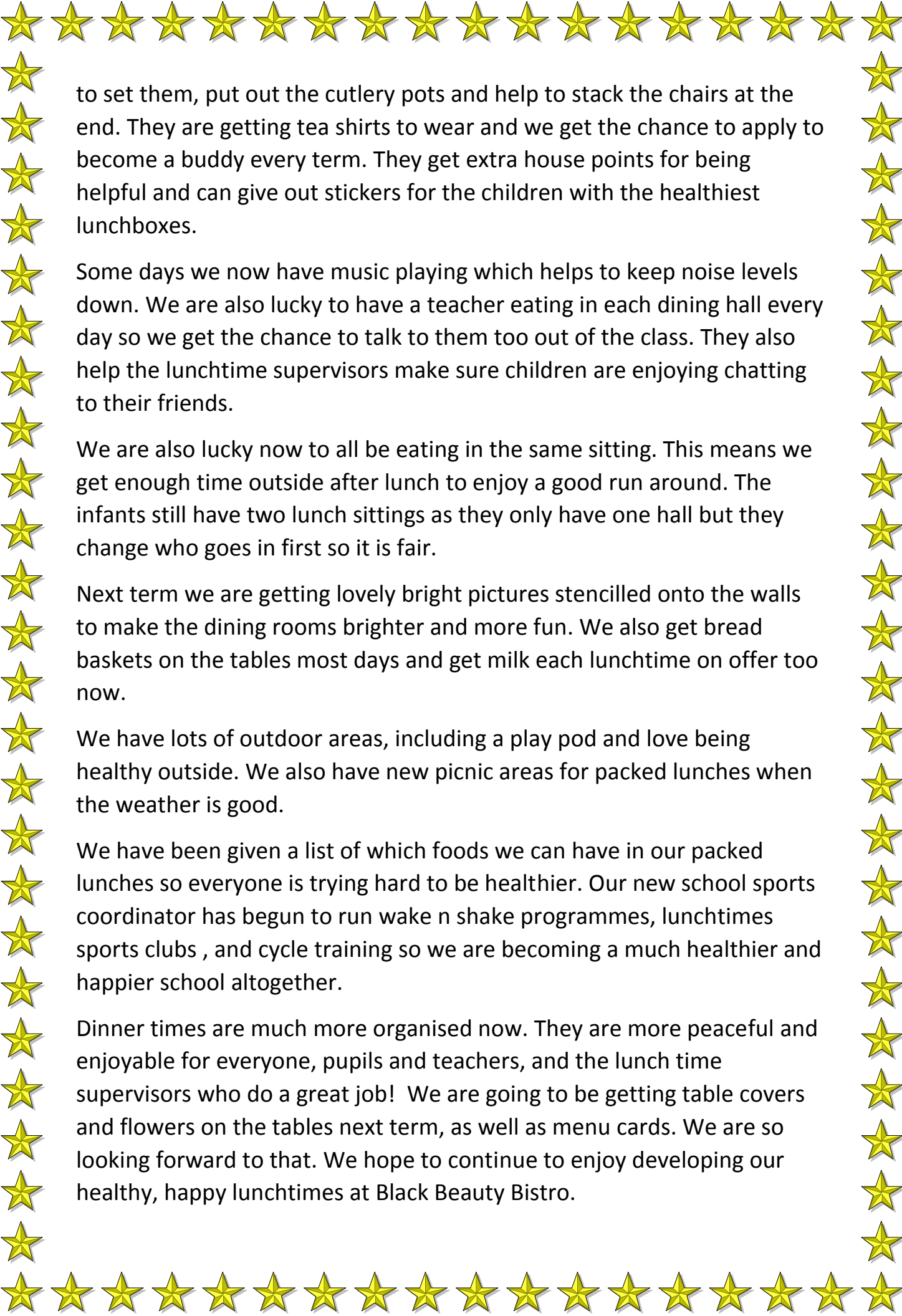
Two years ago our infants and junior schools became federated under a new head teacher. This has meant lots of changes for us and finally the dining rooms have been transformed into far nicer and better rooms which makes our dining experience much better. We have recently lost the kitchen in the upper dining hall and all the delicious food is cooked in the lower school but it is still delicious.

The old dining hall used to be noisy and crowded but now it is much calmer and we get the chance to be with our friends. Sometimes we have to wait 10 minutes to be served and some people don't like this but it gives us the chance to chat to our table mates. We are in set tables, which are changed each term to allow us to spend the time with lots of different children.

Before the transformations we used to eat food on old green plastic plates and the infants had the horrid airline style trays, where their main meal often got mixed up with their pudding- yeuch!!!

Now it is more like a restaurant- we have bright coloured matching plates and bowls and each table has a cutlery pot with cutlery in it. Even the sandwich children get to have a plate now! We have our own logo now, following a competition to name the dining rooms. It was won by Charlotte in year 4 and is called "The Black Beauty Bistro!" Our school is built on the grounds where Anna Sewell, the author of Black Beauty lived and it is rumoured that Black Beauty used to gallop around the grounds which are now our playgrounds! We have Black Beauty on our school logo so it was a very good name choice.

We have introduced table captains which we call Bistro Buddies. They help the lunch time supervisors to pour out the water for each table, help



to set them, put out the cutlery pots and help to stack the chairs at the end. They are getting tea shirts to wear and we get the chance to apply to become a buddy every term. They get extra house points for being helpful and can give out stickers for the children with the healthiest lunchboxes.

Some days we now have music playing which helps to keep noise levels down. We are also lucky to have a teacher eating in each dining hall every day so we get the chance to talk to them too out of the class. They also help the lunchtime supervisors make sure children are enjoying chatting to their friends.

We are also lucky now to all be eating in the same sitting. This means we get enough time outside after lunch to enjoy a good run around. The infants still have two lunch sittings as they only have one hall but they change who goes in first so it is fair.

Next term we are getting lovely bright pictures stencilled onto the walls to make the dining rooms brighter and more fun. We also get bread baskets on the tables most days and get milk each lunchtime on offer too now.

We have lots of outdoor areas, including a play pod and love being healthy outside. We also have new picnic areas for packed lunches when the weather is good.

We have been given a list of which foods we can have in our packed lunches so everyone is trying hard to be healthier. Our new school sports coordinator has begun to run wake n shake programmes, lunchtimes sports clubs , and cycle training so we are becoming a much healthier and happier school altogether.

Dinner times are much more organised now. They are more peaceful and enjoyable for everyone, pupils and teachers, and the lunch time supervisors who do a great job! We are going to be getting table covers and flowers on the tables next term, as well as menu cards. We are so looking forward to that. We hope to continue to enjoy developing our healthy, happy lunchtimes at Black Beauty Bistro.

