

MICKLEM PTA Walkthrough 30/04/2024

Bike Store

- Quotes received to transform the fenced-in front area on the immediate right as you enter the school.
- Solves the Health and Safety issue where current bike store obstructs fire exits.
- Existing table/chairs/gazebo will be moved to the astro turf outside year 2, and ambition is for that area to have further equipment added (in time, requires fundraising).
- CURRENT QUOTE: £8.5k-ish
- **ACTION: Sarah S to reach out to known contractors for quote comparisons. Also to ask landscaper contacts to help with designs?**

Climbing Frame

- One of the climbing frames (with cones surrounding it) is on its last legs – there is a safety issue as the ground below is collapsing. A potential future fundraising goal for the PTA would be to replace that piece of equipment and surrounds. It may not be removed until the replacement is available, as the subsequent holes in the ground also pose a safety issue.

Outdoor Hut

- The intention is for this hut to become a potential outdoor intervention or reading space. Work is due to commence to give it a spruce up (varnishing etc) in the near term, if I've got that right. Ambition is to have it fenced off and the surrounds turned into a sensory garden.

Playground Resurfacing and/or new Thermoplastic Playground Markings

- The tarmac is old and cracking and requires a full replacement. However the cost for this is in the region of £100k, which is not currently feasible in either the short or long term.
- Alternate option is to go ahead with new Thermoplastic Playground Markings, estimated cost £4.5k (and then have them redone in any case as and when the playground is resurfaced).
- **ACTION: Do any parents have contacts with any resurfacing companies? Anyone who could provide alternate quotes, undertake the work at cost, any other cost savings measures?**

Football Pitch

- Ambition is for this to be properly astroturfed (Mr Swift would love a MUGA Court but that is roughly £100k!), though work is required to ensure adequate drainage from adjacent field so it isn't flooded during wet periods.

Daily Mile Track (and all other similar playbond surfaces throughout the school)

- Throughout the school, these tracks have suffered from growth coming through and need to be replaced. This includes the daily mile track, play equipment, areas within the Reception playground etc. Replacement is currently cost prohibitive.

Tree Surgery

- Many trees throughout the school have been identified as requiring removal for health and safety, having been afflicted with some sort of treed disease. The school has received a quote in the region on £4k for this.
- **ACTION: Can we repurpose the wood/wood chippings for any other projects?**

Reception Pathway

- Requires widening for safer access to reception collection and drop off.
- **ACTION: As with playground resurfacing, does anyone have resurfacing contacts?**

Reception Garden

- This area requires considerable TLC, though much can be achieved through planning and volunteer work.
 - Sandpit requires removal (health & safety) though canopy can stay, but requires something to replace it.
 - Playbond surfaces cracking and with significant growth, but removal will require funds for something to replace it with.
 - Stage area needs removal (or repurposing?), but a hazard would then be created as it would leave a big hole in the ground)
- Generally, this area requires a real spruce up, cleaning, weeding, adding raised plant beds/vegetable growing area, painting etc.
- **ACTION: Proposed volunteer day (Late May bank holiday?) to ask for Volunteers to help with sprucing it up. Further detailed plans to be made in conjunction with Mrs Stokely.**

Nursery Garden

- Again, needs a general spruce up:
 - Raised beds addition.
 - Knowledgeable volunteer to lay slab pathway (the school has the slabs, just needs manpower) to replace the temporary grey track at antranceway.
 - Gazebo thatch needs replacing, but as this is prohibitively costly, current plan is to remove the thatch and replace with a tarp.
- **ACTION: Do we have any roofing contacts who can come up with something nicer for the gazebo roof?**
- **ACTION: Proposed volunteer day to spruce it up, potentially with the Reception garden day.**

Current Bike/Scooter area

- As outlined, current proposal to move this to front of school.

- Tree near here could potentially be replaced with an early-years wildlife area.

Lighting Upgrade - LED Lighting

- The school requires LED lighting replacement throughout, current quote is £10k, with the savings estimated to pay off in 4 years through reduced energy usage, longer lasting bulbs etc.
- ACTION: Do we have any electricians among the school community/contacts to help source a more competitive quote?

Other ambitions

Projects that we would love but that are out of reach currently:

- **MUGA Court (Multi-Use Games Area)** – est. £100k
- **Relocation of school front office** – est. £35k but cost likely to grow. Ideal would be to relocate the school office to near the car park for greater safeguarding of children (i.e. no visitors wandering through the school unchaperoned) including addition of ramps for wheelchair access, relocation of toilet block etc. Quite a large project, cost estimate seems very low.