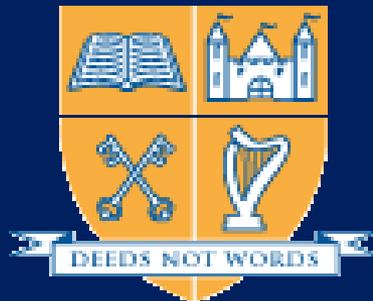


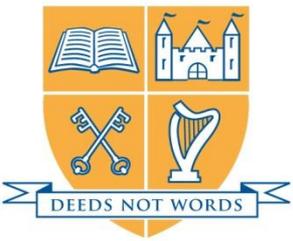
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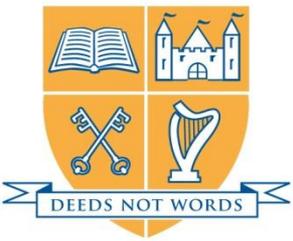


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Who are we?

We are a co-educational primary school situated in West Belfast on the Glen Road. St Teresa's National school was opened in 1911 and the boys and girls school amalgamated in 1995.

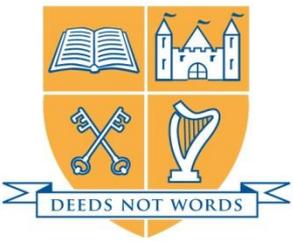


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Identifying the needs

During our study of Belfast Healthy Cities, we had the opportunity to go on a guided walk to examine our local environment. Here we could assess the surroundings to see if they were child friendly and to see if there was enough 'green space.' Here are some of the things we discovered.



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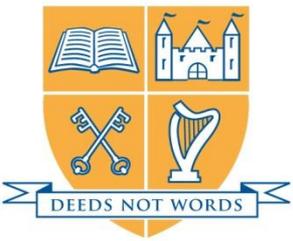
Graffiti

No cycle lanes



**Cars parked
on footways
Lack of Green
Space**





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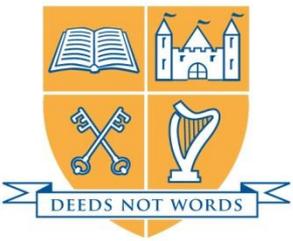


School Survey

Following our guided walk we carried out a survey of the entirety of Key Stage 2 in our school to ask their opinions on what they felt were the issues for children in our local area.

92% of the children felt there was not enough Green space for them to play

98% of the children felt there needed to be more cycle lanes on The Glen Road



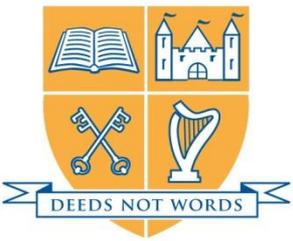
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Our class proposals

Our class came up with a number of proposals in our groups. These included:

- Cycle lanes to be installed in the locality**
- Graffiti Art to replace the current vandalism**
- A 3G pitch to be installed in our SureStart yard.**



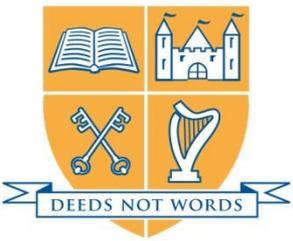
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Democracy brought to life

As a class, we worked in groups to create our proposals in order to persuade the rest of the class how our project would benefit the local area.

We voted as a class and the winning project proposal was the 3G pitch.

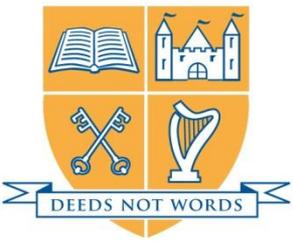


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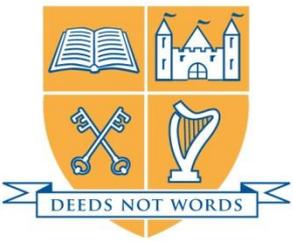
This is the area at the back of the school we propose to develop





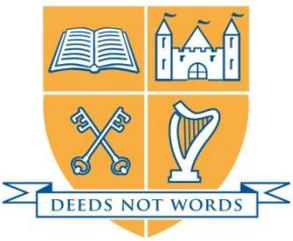
Benefits of the 3G Pitch

- 1. More 'Green space' for children to play and keep active**
- 2. Can be used by the entire community (GAA, Soccer, athletics clubs etc)**
- 3. Promotes healthy lifestyle in the area**
- 4. We currently have no green space in our school for Sports Day**
- 5. In our school survey 78% of children said that if there were more 'green spaces' or leisure facilities, they would be more inclined to participate in sports/activities**



Challenges to the 3G Pitch

1. The amount of money it would cost to create
2. The length of time it would take to create
3. The location and ensuring that there would be planning permission granted for the project to go ahead.
4. Bringing it up to the standards required and would the benefits outweigh the challenges?



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To conclude

Our study of Belfast Healthy Cities has opened our eyes as children to what is available to us in the local area. We are concerned about the lack of space in our area and believe that our proposal, while on our school grounds, would benefit everyone in the immediate locality and promote a healthier lifestyle helping Belfast Healthy Cities achieve their vision, to create a healthy, equitable and sustainable city.

We appreciate our proposal isn't without its challenges but hope that some day it is achievable.