

A BETTER BETTWS!



What do YOU think?

The children went to find out what the others at their school thought about their community...

MILLBROOK SCHOOL



We want to get involved!

I would like some new clubs.

We've seen them too.

I like the police.

I am proud of our houses.

From their research, the children helped to make their community a better place...



THAT'S BETTER!!!



Children First wants to make our community a better place for children.

The research we did with other children at our school shows what they think about our community. Children know how to make a community more child friendly and should be heard.

84 children
in our school from year 2 to year 6 answered the questionnaire we designed.

Findings

We found **six main problems**. As well as the things in our comic; alcohol, smoking and gangs were significant concerns.



We found **what people in Bettws need** help with **changes** as they grow:



Feeding, walking and nappies are important as a baby,

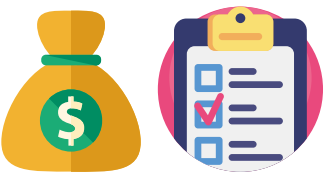


Work and a house as an adult.



School children need help with education, clothes, bullying, hand writing and food.

Money and tests were highlighted for High School children.



We think gangs, litter, broken glass, smoking and alcohol are relatable because people's behaviours and actions should change; while the help we need through life often needs the support of someone else.

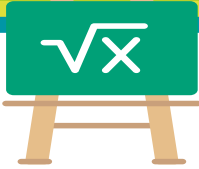
Current support



38%

would go to the police for help. We are surprised it's not higher because our school takes part in 'Heddlu Bach'.

60% happy with services



80%

would go to school for help. We think this is a big number and it shows that children trust schools.

Out of the half of the children who answered the question about what they are proud of, nearly a quarter were proud of the houses. We think this might show that people aren't proud of the community.

Getting involved in improving the community is really easy, even if it's just picking up a wrapper and putting it in the bin or recycling. If you put things straight in the bin, your community will be looking better already.

60% want to get involved in our community and the most popular ways they wanted to get involved were through litter picks and starting new clubs.

If people listen to what people in the community think, it might make them feel more proud.

What we think should happen next

- Share with important people** – We want to get our research to important people, so they can help us make changes.
- Share with community** – We think people of Bettws can also change their behaviours.
- Find out more** – More research could be done from adults' and high school children's points of view.

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