

**On 30 June 2014 Mike Preston went to St Andrews Primary School, North Kilworth**

**He worked with the School Council and some other year 6 pupils. In all 16 children took part**



We looked at images of things we liked and things we didn't like so much. We discussed why we like and don't like things. We compared images and we shared views. Then we applied these concepts to images of North Kilworth Parish and also held a broader discussion about the Parish.

It was notable that, of those in the group, fewer than 30% live in the Parish. However, all have a good knowledge of North Kilworth *and* a strong sense of belonging to it - especially to their school.

The children were full of ideas, full of fun and made a terrific contribution to this Neighbourhood Plan.

Here are some of the things they said:

### **The Village**

I like the petrol pumps shop

I really like the fact that North Kilworth is a safe environment for all ages

I like the bogs in North Kilworth because they're fun to run around and a good place to play and just the right balance of space

We are very lucky here in North Kilworth. It is a very pretty place to live, with lots of amenities; I enjoy playing rounders here, netball and tennis

I like the gardening here because it helps younger children develop and learn

I like the environment for the animals because it's safe and free

All in all we can't make it any better

We have a lovely nature walk with the Boardwalk and pond

I like North Kilworth because there are a lot of roads so you don't get bored of the route to school

The church is a place to respect their loved ones

I like the school

## **Our School**

All of those taking part valued their school and its safe, positive environment. When showing the photographs of the village on screen the one of the school (featured above) caused the most animated and positive response of all 'our school' they all shouted excitedly.

One person was specific when choosing what they like about their environment, they said, 'I like maths because I have fun.'

## **Our Park**

We have a lovely little park for all the children of the village

I like the park because it is fun and active for children and adults

I like the park to play in because you can have fun (x3)

I like the park because it is small

I like the new thing in the park

In the park I would like to see more equipment for the older children

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I would like the slide, spinning thing and the spider climbing frame to be upgraded because the slide is wobbly

## **Our Ideas**

I would like a Morrison's because we have to go to Lutterworth

I would like the pub to be used as a pub again

I would like a fresh frog pond next to the bog

I would like to put some trees and plants that grow fruit and nuts so we don't have to buy fruit from the markets

I would like to have a field of my own in North Kilworth

I would like to see a leisure centre in the village

I would like to see an allotment patch so people can hire an extra part of land to garden

The thing is that Green Lane always floods so your feet get wet if it rains, can we fix that?

Please can there be a zoo - in the zoo a lion and a komodo dragon

I would like to build a wildlife house in the Millennium Green so they don't get hurt

I would like to have a few more things in the village like an environmental area for animals and bugs, to plant a few more trees and to maybe have a swimming club

*The group was lively*

*The group was thoughtful*

*The group was enthusiastic*

*The group was optimistic*

*The group was great*

