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Thought bubbles

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Listening to pupils' thoughts and feelings about the transition process is extremely important and can give teachers and support staff a valuable insight into pupils' excitements and worries. By listening to pupils, staff may also recognise areas that need further clarification or individuals that may need additional support. 'Thought Bubbles', is a useful activity which allows pupils to express their excitements and worries about Secondary School in a fun, relaxed way. It is useful as a whole class or group activity and is best undertaken during the spring term so that there is plenty of school time to later address any key worries. The examples provide a demonstration of thoughts gathered during a recent 'Thought Bubble' activity in a Primary School.

Aim of Activity

- To give pupils an opportunity to express their worries and excitements about Secondary School.
- To give teachers an opportunity to focus on and explore pupil's thoughts and feelings about transition.

Instructions for activity

- Print the 'what worries you...' and 'what are you looking forward to...' speech bubbles and place on an empty wall in two separate areas of the classroom.
- Print and photocopy the thought bubbles and give to pupils.
- Pupils should be encouraged to write or draw their feelings about transition within the thought bubbles and stick them by the appropriate speech bubble.
- Allowing pupils to complete this without too much teacher intervention will allow open transition related conversation.
- After pupils have completed a few thought bubbles each, discuss common themes with pupils. Encourage the class to work together to think of ways in which worries could be solved and allow pupils to focus on and discuss excitements also.

Adapting the activity

- The finished result makes a colourful wall display and provides an opportunity for teachers to encourage pupils to reflect.

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What worries you about secondary school?

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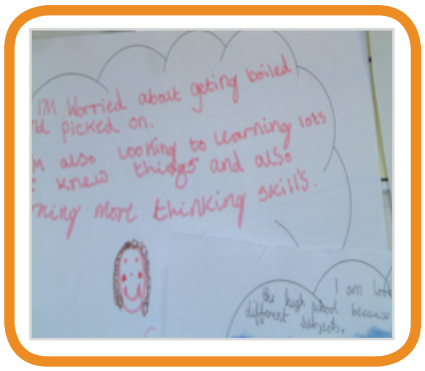

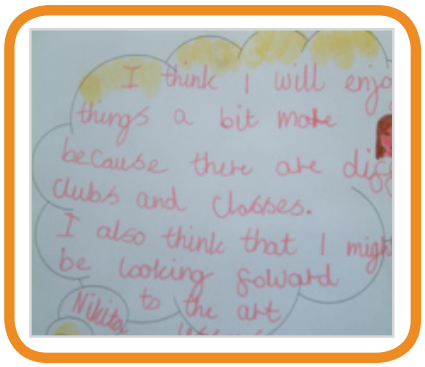

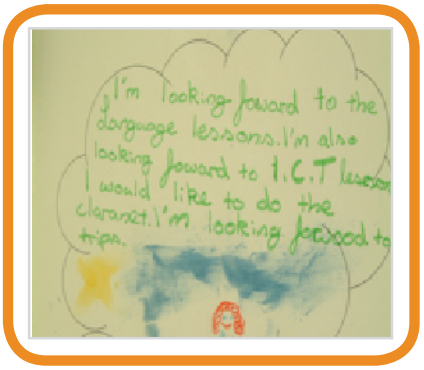

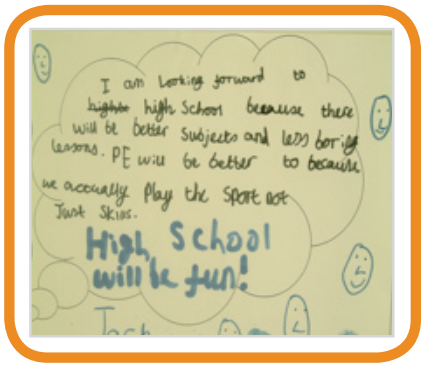

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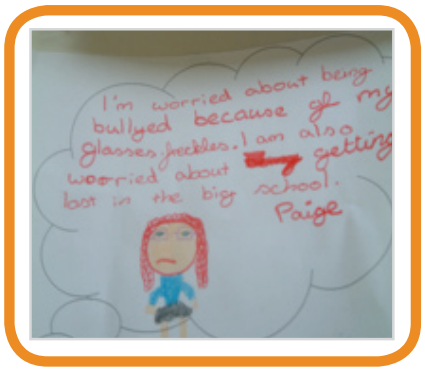

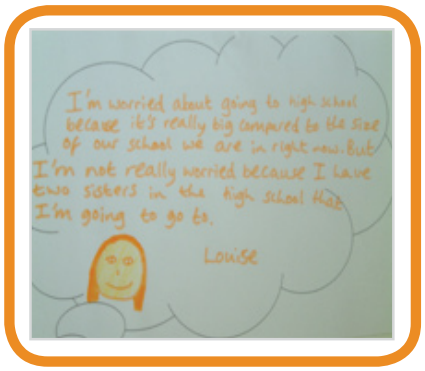

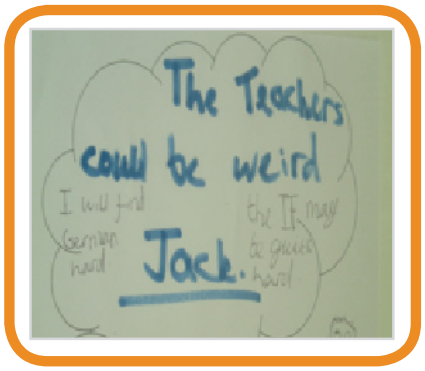

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