

School Council Meeting: 13.10.20.

Councillors present:

Paris, Daniel, Rishmi	Year 6
Tyler, Ruby B, Devarni	Year 5
Eryn, Lenny, Ruby S.	Year 4
Riley, Mason, Chloe, Lucas	Year 3
Poppy, Max	Year 2
Lexi, Ethan	Year 1

Agenda:

1. Welcome to School Council
2. Return to school feedback
3. Take suggestions about upcoming projects
4. A.O.B

The meeting took place in the school hall. The children were socially distanced in their class bubble pairs. The chairs and tables were wiped with antibacterial wipes before and after the meeting.

The children were congratulated on being elected councillors. We welcomed new members and commented on the fact that many children had been councillors before (6).

Mrs Draper asked the children how they were feeling about the return to school since September, particularly in light of the lockdown before the summer holidays. We put together a list of some aspects about returning to school. These included: seeing friends, making new friends, getting our brains working and learning new things and skills. We then looked at the aspects that we found tricky. Mason said that he found remembering things hard. Devarni thought that being in a bubble is difficult. We talked about how it is difficult not being able to mix with friends outside our bubbles, continually washing hands and trying to social distance. Some children said that their hand ached because of not being used to writing, whilst others found learning new things tricky. Mrs Draper asked the councillors how well they thought our school had handled the Covid-19 restrictions and how we'd helped their return to school. On average the children gave a score of 7/10.

After that, the councillors discussed how we could easily make some money whilst staying in our bubbles. The following ideas were put forward:

- Dance-a-thon
- Parkour challenge
- Bake Sale
- Non-uniform day

We decided that the easiest way was to hold a non-uniform day. Mrs Draper asked how the councillors would like to spend any raised. The children came up with four different charities that they would like to support. These were:

1. A charity to provide clean water. **Water Aid**
2. A local charity to help the homeless. **The Stevenage Haven**
3. A local care home to help the elderly. **Fred Millard Court**
4. The NHS. **The East Herts Hospital Charity Trust**

It was decided that we would ask the whole school to vote for their favourite. Miss Shaw suggested doing an online survey.

Impact:

As a result of this meeting Rishmi, Tyler, Daniel and Paris each recorded a short video clip (with the help of Chloe Co-operation). They explained what each chosen charity does and these recordings were played in assembly. After that, every class conducted a vote and their choices were given to Mrs Draper.

The outcomes were as follows:

- The Stevenage Have - 3 votes (Badgers, Rabbits and Foxes)
- The NHS - $2\frac{1}{2}$ votes (Ladybirds, Moles, Falcons)
- Fred Millard Court - 2 votes (Hedgehogs, Eagles)
- Water Aid - $\frac{1}{2}$ joint vote from the Falcons.

A non-uniform day was held on Friday 23rd October, where a total of £167.72 was raised.