

School Council Meeting: 08.10.21.

Councillors present:

Asher and Elin	Year 6
Aaron, Aleena, Alfie and Sophia	Year 5
Frayah and James	Year 4
Max and Poppy	Year 3
Avik, Jessica, Leo and Lexi	Year 2
Joe and Tahlia	Year 1

Agenda:

1. Discuss the responsibilities of the School Council
2. Share ideas from class speeches.
3. Take suggestions about upcoming projects
4. A.O.B

The children were congratulated on being elected councillors. We discussed what they see as being the responsibilities of the council and agreed that they were to represent the thoughts of their classmates and to try to make our school better in a variety of ways.

Mrs Draper introduced Mrs de Naeyer, who is the school's Chair of Governors. She explained that the governors work in a similar way to the school council, trying to make improvements to our school.

The councillors shared some of the ideas that had got them elected. Mrs Draper put these into three different categories: those that benefit the school, those that benefit the local community and those that benefit the planet.

The children focussed on how we can make our school more eco-friendly. This, they agreed, would benefit all three of the categories. The ideas the councillors had were:

1. To provide more bins both inside and outside.
2. To make sure that all plastic bottles are recycled.
3. To restart litter picking.
4. To have a bike shed to encourage pupils to ride to school rather than come by car.
5. To have outdoor play equipment that is longer-lasting and not plastic that breaks easily and goes to landfill.

The councillors were passionate about the condition of the play equipment and agreed that more needs to be done to educate children in respecting property. They suggested that monitors should be chosen from each class to gather the equipment and to report any broken or lost items. It was also suggested that litter pickers could keep a look out for lost playground equipment.

The children thought that we should use some assembly time to explain the importance of looking after our toys and that a poster competition could reinforce this message. They thought that Miss Shaw's assembly time could be a good opportunity to do this.

In addition to these ideas, Elin suggested helping the local community by taking part again in the Reverse Calendar project and Frayah was keen to celebrate diversity, by possibly holding a non-uniform day. Mrs Draper pointed out that in order to buy new playground equipment, we would need to do some fund-raising. This could take the form of a Dance-a-thon or the non-uniform day. The children were also keen to plant trees to help our eco-system, as well as using the woodland area more.

Unfortunately, we then ran out of time to discuss any other business, so we decided to discuss fund raising again, next time we meet.