

School Council Meeting: 04.10.22/11.10.22.

Councillors present:

Reggie, Aaliyah, Alfie, Aleena	Year 6
Ella and Lucas	Year 5
Amela, Jaden, Poppy and Mason	Year 4
Riley and Bibi	Year 3
Carey and Joe	Year 2
Lacey, Jacob, Ayan and Frankie	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 reminded the children of the good work that had been achieved last year with the eco-activities that we promoted. These need to be carried on, as does the charity work that we take part in each year, such as: The Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning, Children in Need and Comic Relief, Red Nose Day. She then went on to suggest that we raise money this year for some permanent outdoor play equipment, which some of the councillors had mentioned in their speeches.

We looked at some example Trim Trails. Some of the councillors were unsure about the safety of the equipment, where it would be positioned and who would be allowed to use it. Mrs Draper told the children that it would be positioned in the area behind nursery, towards the woodland area. She said that many other schools have equipment such as this and it would be safely installed and maintained. The children would take turns in who could use it and a system would be agreed which made the use fair for everyone.

Some councillors were very keen, with the older children being less so. We discussed the fact that it would cost a lot of money and that we would need to do lots of fund-raising. During our second meeting, Mrs Draper gave the councillors surveys to take back to class, to find out every child's opinion on whether they would like to pursue this as a project. These were returned and from **163 children who voted**, the results were as follows:

Yes	No	Don't know
149	7	7

Miss Shaw has said that the Halloween Disco and Christmas Fayre money can go towards our fundraising, which is fantastic. Our next meeting will discuss what other ideas we can agree, to raise more money for our playground equipment.