

School Council

Summary of school council discussions Sept 2016 - March 2017

Jenna Christian - Chairperson
Henry Jones - Deputy Chairperson
Matthew Bucknell - Secretary

Class Council - Agreed we would meet for school council every 2 weeks and the week in between councillors would hold a class council sharing and discussing ideas with their class at a time agreed with their class teacher.

Suggestion Boxes - All class councillors have made a suggestion box for their class. They are emptied at school council meetings every fortnight. Mrs Dwan and the Chairperson look at all the suggestions and put forward the ideas to Mrs Cowey.

Lunch time / After school clubs - There have been continuous requests for various clubs at school. Mrs Dwan has relayed this information to Mrs Horrocks. So far these have been very successful such as lego club, yoga, homework club and girls football.

Play frame - We have been thinking about some rules alongside working out if the new rota for each year group works. There has been mixed feedback and we are looking at these issues and how we can alter peoples time-slots.

Child friendly anti-bullying policy - Mrs Cowey asked School Council to write a child-friendly version of our anti-bullying policy. We looked at lots of child friendly anti-bullying policies that we had re-searched online from various primary schools and picked the parts out which we thought were particularly good or relevant to our school.

Soap dispensers in girls' toilets - There were many complaints that the soap dispensers had either no soap in or were constantly dropping rust. A note was left in Mr Snape's book. He ordered 4 new dispensers and when they arrived he put them up.

Skipping Ropes – On many occasions there have been requests for more playground activities. School Council ordered some new skipping ropes all different sizes suitable for all ages. The new skipping ropes were labelled up by school council and put in the 'Friendship bench' for everyone to use. These have been a very successful addition to our break times.

Toilets – Toilets have become a problem again this year.

- Junior boy's toilets - flooding and smells, the flooding seemed to be happening during lesson times. Through discussion toilet passes were introduced to classrooms (one girls pass and one boys pass), to limit the amount of children going to the toilet at one time when the corridors were not supervised. Some new air fresheners were put up and this seemed to alleviate the problem initially. However they were delighted to hear and feed back to their classes that over the Easter holidays the boys toilets are due to be re-furbished.
- Junior girl's toilets - girls getting changed for football or netball in the toilets. Other children were reporting it was not hygienic, and there was lots of girls making lots of noise in there. Girls have now been told they must get changed in their own class rooms.

Buddy Bench - Jacks Journey - Kath (Jacks Mum) from Jacks Journey Charity came to speak to school council to tell us about a Buddy Bench they are kindly donating to our school. Kiera Forbes in 6A put our school forward to receive a bench and we were lucky enough to secure one. There are only 10 given out a year. The bench is made from recycled milk cartons but very hard wearing. They are built to last 20 years. The benches are very colourful.

The charity was founded in March 2013 by Hollie Webster, in loving memory of her brother Jack Webster, an R.A.F. Senior Aircraftman, who was tragically killed in a car crash on January 13th 2013 at the age of 26. Jack was a free spirit, full of fun and adventure who lived his short life to the full. Jack loved children and believed everyone in life deserved a second chance - particularly if they had no friends or were left out of activities. Jacks sister Hollie and his Mum Kath set up this charity in his memory. The Charity aims

to give children who are struggling or who are less fortunate than themselves a better chance in life. One initiative it supports is to send under-privileged children's organisations on adventure holidays.

We are awaiting delivery of the bench and plan to thank Kath and Hollie from the charity for their generous donation.

The children thought about ways they could fund raise and have decided to hold a BLUE AND GREEN mufti day. The Jacks Journey logo is blue and green because his favourite football team was Man City and his favourite colour was green. We thought it would be a nice idea to do this the day the buddy bench is put into place, then Jacks mum and sister will see all of his favourite colours throughout school.

Kath mentioned a good fund raiser is usually a competition for people to guess how many milk cartons it took to make the bench (there are thousands).

A cake sale has also been mentioned with cakes decorated in a blue and green theme, so when the bench arrives we will sort a suitable date to hold these activities.

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