School Council Minutes

Minutes of the School Council meeting held on Wednesday, 20th November 2019

Connie Smyth (Chairperson) & Owen Harrison (Secretary) - Y6
Freya Cross (Treasurer) & Alex Hirst - Y5
Harvey Kennedy & Leah Clegg - Y4
Lucy Eccles & Jack Ashton - Y3
James Johnston & Willow Duffy - Y2
Poppy Churton & Sam Regan - Y1
Mrs. Kime & Mrs. Purcell

Apologies for absence Mrs. Purcell, Freya & Harvey

CC: Mrs. O'Brien, Miss Dooner & Miss Maclean

Item 1 - Absence of Mrs. Purcell

Mrs. Purcell is presently taking some time out from the School Council to recover from an operation. We would like to wish Mrs. Purcell a speedy recovery and we look forward to having her back with us once she is fit and well. Mrs. Purcell has asked Mrs. Kime to pass on her thanks to the Councillors for the 'beautiful get well' flowers which we sent to her. Mrs. Purcell said that the flowers really cheered her up!

Item 2 - Treasurer

Alex informed us that our current bank balance is £134.88.

<u> Item 3 - Big Battery Hunt (BBH)</u>

At the last meeting, Mrs. Kime advised that the pupil collection boxes have still not been delivered. Mrs. Kime has since contacted the 'BBH' team who advise that sadly the scheme closed in June, so they are unable to provide the boxes at this time. However, they advised that they are hoping to run the programme for a third consecutive year, and we will be notified of this by email. In the meantime, they have advised that we can still recycle batteries using just the containers. Once the containers are full, they will be collected free of charge. We will start recycling batteries after Christmas, so that this gives us time to decide where to put the containers and inform parents via parentpay of our plans to start recycling batteries.

Please note: We will only be collecting AA, AAA, C and D batteries.

Item 4 - Operation Christmas Child

We would like to say a 'BIG' thank you to everyone who supported our shoebox appeal again this year. We collected <u>48</u> shoeboxes for those children that are less fortunate than ourselves. The School Councillors did a great job explaining the reasons behind why we support the shoebox appeal every year. We were also very pleased that Mrs. Berry, the Area Coordinator for Samaritan's Purse was able to join us again this year. Did you bring a shoebox in? Did you remember to claim your golden ticket?

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Item 5 - The Brick

We agreed to support 'The Brick Christmas Hamper Appeal again this year. The Brick is part of Queens Hall Action on Poverty, which is an organisation that helps families across Wigan. This year, 'The Brick' are opening an exclusive festive free shop for one week only, starting on Monday, 16th of December. Invites will go out to families who are in need of a bit of extra help this Christmas, or who experience hardship all year round.

Could you help to provide these families with a few days of comfort this Christmas by donating items such as selection boxes, chocolates, nuts, crisps, gravy granules, stuffing, jams, tea, coffee, uht milk, christmas cakes and puddings, tinned vegetables, soups, fish, meat and fruit, as well as pasta, sauces and rice. They are also looking for new, unwrapped gifts for all ages, particularly older children and teenagers as they tend to get overlooked.

If you would like to donate, then bring your donation into school and drop it off at the main Reception area where you will see our collection point. All items must be in school by Tuesday, 10^{th} December.

<u>Item 6 - Toast Helpers</u>

We would like to say a 'BIG' thank you to all our toast helpers.

Item 7 - Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 29th January 2020

Thank you for your continued support!





Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 🕅