

# School Council Minutes

Minutes of the School Council meeting held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 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

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

## **Item 1 - New School Councillors**

We would like to welcome our new School Council members Harvey, Leah, Lucy, Jack, James, Willow, Poppy and Sam. We really hope that you enjoy being part of the School Council this year. We also welcome back Owen as our new Secretary, Connie as our Chairperson and Freya as our Treasurer. Good luck to all of you in your new roles!

## **Item 2 - Treasurer**

Freya informed us that our current bank balance is £281.63.

## **Item 3 - Big Battery Hunt**

At the end of the summer term we registered to join a scheme called 'The Big Battery Hunt' which is a nationwide battery recycling initiative funded by Duracell to encourage young people to think about the importance of recycling.

Did you know that over 20,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites in the UK each year? That's as heavy as about 4,000 elephants!

Unfortunately, it appears that the collection boxes have not been delivered over the summer, even though the main containers have. Mrs. Kime agreed to chase up the collection boxes. Once they arrive, more information will be sent out.

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

## **Item 4 - Reading Scheme**

Mrs. O'Brien asked the School Council for their thoughts on the introduction of a new termly reading reward scheme. For example; if a child reads at home three times per week, every week and has their reading diary signed, then they will be presented with a bronze certificate at the end of the Autumn term, a silver certificate at the end of the Spring term and a gold certificate at the end of the Summer term. On completion of all three terms you could be eligible for a reward such as a book token. The School Councillors were all in agreement that this was a good scheme to encourage pupils to read at home.

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### Item 5 - New drawers for Reception

At the end of the summer term, Miss Dooner was looking to purchase some new drawers for her classroom. Mrs. Kime suggested that this was something that the School Council could help to fund. Mrs. Kime agreed to purchase three sets of drawers from Domu costing £83.97 in total. This meant that every child in Reception class could have their very own tray for keeping their things safe.

### Item 6 - Reading Corner for Y4

During the summer holidays, Mrs. Atkinson was looking at developing a reading corner in the Year 4 classroom, so again, Mrs. Kime suggested that this was something the School Council could help with. Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Kime decided to go with a 'natural' theme and bought cushion covers, a rug and voiles all designed with plants and leaves. They also purchased four cushions, decorative ivy and some storage boxes for the reading books. Mrs. Kime also purchased a set of drawers for the classroom which will be used for storing rulers, scissors and glue sticks etc. In total all the items cost £112.91.

### Item 7 - Table Tennis

At the last meeting, it was mentioned that there were no bats and balls for the outdoor table tennis. After speaking with Mr. Hassan, it appears that there is equipment in school for the table tennis, so there is no need for the School Council to consider buying any.

### Item 8 - High 5 Netballs

At the last meeting, the School Council agreed to purchase some new netballs for High 5. Mrs. Kime has now purchased ten new netballs plus a storage bag from Sportsdirect costing £82.92. A BIG thank you from all the High 5 players!

### Item 9 - Operation Christmas Child

We are once again, taking part in Operation Christmas Child (shoebox appeal). The School Council will lead the assembly for this on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. We are very pleased to announce that Tracy Berry will be joining our assembly again this year and we look forward to hearing about her own experiences with Operation Christmas Child.

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