



School Council Minutes

Date: 16.1.18



- ❖ Year 2 - Darcy, William
- ❖ Year 3 – Alice, Eddie
- ❖ Year 4 – Lucy, Seth
- ❖ Year 5 – Catherine, Ruby, Charlie, Coby
- ❖ Year 6 – Connie, Nora, Leo, Jacob



AGENDA

We will now share our agenda with you.
An agenda tells you what we talked about and the decisions we made.

1. We welcomed everybody to the School Council meeting.

2. Attendance badges

Mrs Kirby wanted to mention how nice it is to see children wearing their attendance badges on their uniform. Please remember to wear your badges to show how great your attendance is in school.

3. Ideas to improve our school

We considered some of the ideas to help improve our school.
Quiet Area outside



Connie and Nora have created some drawings on how the outside area might look and where this could be positioned in the playground. They suggested that this could be located by the nice tree outside year 5. They would like to make this into a 'fairytale' area for everybody to read. They would like to add a bench for seating, some pretend doors to the front of the tree and some decorations to make it look in keeping with a fairytale theme. Connie and Nora would like to show you their drawings now to see what you think.

Do you agree with the girls' designs for creating a reading area under the tree?

Yes

No

Do you have any ideas to enhance this area further?

Adventure Playground

We discussed how expensive it is to create an adventure playground outside as this can cost several thousand pounds. These items might be difficult to fundraise for due to their very high cost. We discussed some ideas which were less costly and liked the idea of a climbing frame like the one at Shadwell School. Mrs Kirby will enquire to see how much this costs and the possibility of purchasing a similar product for Bramham School. Some children would also like more skipping ropes, which will be considered when we have final costings.

Moving the fence to create more playground space

Mrs Humphreys, our Federation Business Manager, has spoken to Mr Burrows about the possibility of moving the playground fence to create more space for children to play. This might be difficult since this area is owned by Leeds City Council but Mrs Kirby will speak to Mr Burrows to see if there is any way we could increase the play area. She will also ask to see what can be done to improve the wooded area whilst keeping children safe.

4. Suggestions for Fundraising

From your recent Fundraising suggestions, we have already had a movie night. A 'dress down day' is planned in March by FOBs and they are also organising a bake off style competition at Easter involving the sale of buns and cakes. Mrs Mills will attend our next School Council Meeting and she will help organise this together with the Year 6's. It will involve children having the opportunity to bake cakes or buns at home, with an Easter theme, and then bringing them into school to be judged, with a prize for a child in each class. The money raised will help fund improving our playground area.



School Councillors also liked the idea of a competition to decorate some hard-boiled eggs. We have done this in previous years. Children suggested a £1 entry fee for the competition and winners could win an Easter egg. Would you like to do this competition again?

Yes	No

5. Litter



Connie and Nora have created some initial designs to laminate and stick on bins outside school. These will hopefully encourage children to use the bins as they will be more visible and attractive.

Please look at the designs and tell us your thoughts. If you would like to create a design yourself, then please send them to Mrs Kirby before the end of January.

Do you think the posters for the bins are a good idea to use?

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To improve the environment in our school before the posters are displayed, School Councillors thought it would be a good idea to have some litter monitors in school. If they see any litter, it can be picked up and placed in a bin. Mrs Kirby also suggested an idea about placing any used paper which we use in the classroom into a recycle box which would be collected each week and placed in paper recycling. Posters could be placed on the front of the boxes so it is clear that only paper should be placed in the box. This will help the environment as paper can be reused. Do you agree that we should go ahead with these ideas?

Litter-picking monitor	Recycling used paper in the classroom

6. Suggestions for improvements around school

These were your suggestions to improve our school.

Suggestions	
A wooden playhouse for the playground	This is quite expensive so we will see first how much the climbing frame/slide is before pricing this item.
Water Fountains for the top corridor (Classes 2-4) and one for Class 5 and 6 in the new block.	Jacob and Leo will ask Mrs Humphreys to find out how much this will cost so we can raise money for them.
Another bench outside	This will form part of the quiet area underneath the tree.
Hi-tech smartboards for KS1	Money is already being raised for this equipment.
Restore the maze on the playground	At the moment, the playground is having netball markings painted on. School Councillors decided that once we have these markings, everyone can then decide if the maze would like to be restored since it will have a big effect on the space available in the playground.

7. Assemblies

Mrs Wilson would like children to help her create a form about what children should notice in every assembly. This includes whole school, key stage and class assemblies. For example, in every assembly there is a message behind the assembly that helps children in their everyday lives. Also at the end of each assembly, there is a time for reflection or prayer. Can you think of any other ideas that you should always see in each assembly?

**Thank you for helping to
make our school great**

**Together we make a brilliant
school.**

Mrs Kirby



**Remember to:
Read out these minutes
to your classmates so
they know what is going
on in school and how
together we are helping
to make it a better
place.
Bring your folder to
each meeting.**