



School Council Minutes

Date: 9.3.18



Attendees this week were:

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

Absentees: Lucy, Seth (Y4)



AGENDA

This is what we discussed and the decisions we made.

1. We welcomed everybody to the School Council meeting and thanked Mrs Mills from FOBS for also attending our meeting.

2. Ideas to improve our school

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



Quiet Area outside

Everybody thought that Connie and Nora's drawings for the outside area looked amazing. Some feedback from classes suggested that a different theme might appeal to more children instead of a fairytale area.

Have you any ideas for a good theme for this quiet area?

Ideas for a theme in the quiet area by the tree.

Adventure Playground

Mrs Kirby informed us that the cost of an adventure playground like the one at Shadwell would cost at least £3,000. This will be very difficult to raise money for as we are also trying to create a lovely outdoor learning area. We decided that once the outdoor learning area is complete then we will think about how we could improve the playground area further.

Moving the fence to create more playground space

Mrs Kirby spoke to Mr Burrows about moving the fence back to create more space to play in the playground. Mr Burrows said that unfortunately he would be unable to move the fence back any further since the grassed slope starts immediately behind the fence. There might be an opportunity to play on the grassed area by the tree in year 5 once this area is developed. This will give everyone more space to play outside.

Water Fountains

Jacob and Leo will find out from Mrs Humphreys how much it will cost to have water fountains placed on the top corridor (Classes 2-4) and one for Class 5 and 6 in the new block.

3. Easter Bake-off

Mrs Mills attended our meeting with some ideas for our Easter Bake-off. School Councillors discussed the best way of organising this event together with Mrs Mills. It was decided that on the last day of term, children would have the



opportunity to bring in an Easter themed cake or cupcakes to be judged on their appearance. It was decided that there would be a £1 entry fee however there would be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for each class together with a small prize for any child entering the competition.

At break time, the cakes and buns will then be sold to

children for 30p each to raise some funds to help improve our outdoor area. At the end of the day, if there are any buns left, these can be sold to parents.

We also discussed the Easter idea of a competition to decorate some hard-boiled eggs however School Councillors felt that from the responses in class council meetings, an Easter Bake off would be more popular. We will consider this idea next year.

4. Fundraising Events

Mrs Mills asked children if they could think of any good ideas for fundraising events after school. She suggested a Quiz night where children in different year groups would work together to form teams and compete for a small prize.

Would you like a Quiz night after school?	
Yes	No

Do you have any other ideas for after school events to raise money for school?

5. Attendance

Edith and Lilly-Rose from Year 5 attended School Council meeting to discuss some ideas on how to improve attendance. They shared some new attendance certificates they had created with everyone and also the possibility of handing out stickers to each class if they have 100% attendance. Everybody loved the idea of having stickers for 100% attendance however the certificates were not as popular since these would replace an extra break time. Children said they would prefer an extra break time instead of a certificate.

6. Environmentally-friendly School



Litter

Everybody was keen on Connie and Nora's designs to laminate and stick on bins outside school however from the responses in class council meetings, children would prefer some of the coloured animal bins.

Mrs Kirby will find out the cost of these bins however we are likely to have to raise funds in order to purchase these bins or ask FOBs to help.

Eco-Monitor Roles

Mrs Howard has asked if we could set up a Green Ambassador group who would work on strategies that save energy and reduce the amount of waste in school.

From your responses to the idea of having litter-pickers and recycling monitors, these ideas were extremely popular and lots of children would like to assist in making our school more environmentally-friendly. Mrs Kirby will ask Mrs Humphreys to purchase some hand-held devices to help us collect litter in the playground. School Councillors felt that with all the hard work that we are doing to improve our environment, we need to set up some eco-monitors around school. Please can you decide in your class who will complete these roles in the Summer term. We need two children from each class.



	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Recycling paper – paper that has one side not written on can go in a scrap paper tray.					
Turn the class lights off <ul style="list-style-type: none">• when there is no one in the room					
Litter-pickers on the playground					
Ask the teacher if the whiteboard can be turned off at lunch time					
Green Ambassadors					

Have you any other ideas for ways to make our school even more environmentally-friendly?

7. Assemblies

Children had some good ideas about what should be seen in each School Assembly. Here are your ideas which Mrs Kirby will now pass on to Mrs Wilson. Year 5 will monitor that these things are taking place.

- There is a message or moral to any story which is told.
- The assembly links with our SMSC topic and the theme is discussed in assemblies.
- There is music at the start of our assemblies.
- There is a prayer or time for reflection at the end of assemblies.

Children suggested that they liked to occasionally hear musicians at the start of assembly and there should be an opportunity for children to share any songs which they have learnt on a musical instrument. Mrs Kirby will pass your comments onto Mrs Wilson. Thank you for your great ideas.

8. Our next meeting

Mrs Kirby said she would put the date and time on the school council notice board.

**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.**