

School Council Minutes

**Present: Children:** LM (Fireworks), LC (Shooting Stars), RR (Sunshine), SR (Phoenix), OC (Lightbulbs), AN (Alpha's), LC (Moonbeams),

**Absent:** AS (Fireflies) EP (Glow Worms)

**Staff:** SW/JC

**Governor:** Mr Pilling

**Special Guests:** Mayor and Mayoress of Stacksteads

- Mr Peel has kindly sorted four deer feeders and the hay. He has also done some research and has found out the deer's love salt lick so he is going to make some hanging salt licks. Salt Licks are really good and provide the minerals and nutrients that they need and can't get at this time of year.
- As mentioned in our last meeting/minutes, we needed some volunteers to take responsibility of checking on the amount of hay left and to inform Mr Peel for the refills. We had 5 volunteers from Sunshine 2a class and AN volunteered from Alphas. **Can class leads from these classes please liaise together and allocate these jobs when it best suits you.**
- Location of feeders: the council gave some great ideas for where we can place them around the grounds. We have a suggestion for the cabin area because of the cameras present there but also Mr Peel said that he has a wildlife camera with night vision. SM said that next to the fence near Sunshine's class is a good place. Then two feeds can be placed in the forest. So we have decided that we are going to have one Deer feed located in the cabins, one outside of the Sunshine 1 class, and two located in the forest.
- Mr Peel is making handmade Fairy Doors to transform our forest story area into a magical fairy land. The council were all in favour of this idea but we will need a number from each class to indicate those who are interested. - **please can class leads email Miss Clough directly with the result of the number of children who would like a door.** Once I receive this Mr Peel can make a start.
- Red Nose Day is THIS Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. JC discussed that the money will help people live free from poverty, violence, and discrimination and that we can make a difference by raising money through being funny.

The council discussed so many great ideas for Red Nose Day! See below:

- 1 Wear a red nose or paint on a red nose (with parental permission).
- 2 Design your own red nose (whole school competition)
- 3 Tell jokes/class quiz/whole school Kahoot. A brave child could visit other classes and tell some jokes.
- 4 Red Nose and spoon race.
- 5 Wacky hair day/wear clothes inside out/wear red/ wear different socks.
- 6 Car wash.
- 7 Throw sponges at teachers.
- 11 Telling funny stories.
- 12 Guess the baby picture (staff).
- 13 Baking
- 13 Making pizzas including red toppings like tomatoes/ peppers.

14 Red nose hunt in the forest.

15 Dress funny.

16 Joke competition/ Cribden joke book to sell to raise money (Mrs Maudsley).

17 Do red nose themed English.

18 Face painting.

19 Design a red nose day t-shirt.

20 Cosmic Kids Yoga Red Nose Themed.

So many fantastic ideas.

As council leads, JC and SW have decided to do a red nose hunt in the forest, and run a whole school competition for designing a red nose that will be judged by NP. We encourage class leads to do some of the above activities in class. Let's have some fun and raise some money!

- Alfie from Alphas- suggested for something to do at lunch once the children have finished eating like colouring. (I know the first thing that we should do is take children back to class who have finished. However, this is not always possible for various reasons, I also appreciate this may not have been successful in the past). But I personally think it's a good idea, I will leave it up to class leads to decide if they want to bring some colouring sheets and colours with them at lunch. If I receive good feedback I will look at making a resource corner in the dinner hall for dinner time activities.
- JC has made a Thankyou box for helping hands. So, you do not have to wait until Friday's assembly to thank somebody you can pop it in the box and maybe we can pick one person out a week who will receive a sticker.

### **Plastic recycling feedback**

JC spoke to manager of the Co-Op and is arranging for them to provide an eco bin for us to recycle soft plastics. There was also a discussion of being in the local paper to promote recycling. BB said that it would be able to go in the kitchen,

**Money donated from Dave Kay.** Thank you to the school councillors who helped colour in the thank you pictures for the card to send to Dave Kay's family. We have sent this as a thank you for the board games that were donated.

**Special Guests:** we were very excited to welcome some special guests to our meeting today!\_ The children were able to ask the Mayor and Mayoress some questions:

The Mayoress had been in her job as a councillor for 12 years, voting takes place every 4 years and the next election is this May.

SR asked the Mayor, how long she would like to stay Mayor for? The mayor explained she would love to stay in her position but she is only able to do the role for one year. She said it is up to the local people to vote for her to remain as the councillor for her area. The Mayor explained how meetings she attends are similar to ours in how they make decisions. We discussed the British values and how we as a council vote for lots of things. We also discussed that children are elected each term to join the council and the Mayor was extremely impressed with how active our school council was. The children enjoyed this special visit very much, so thank you to class teams for being flexible with the change of times.

**Next meeting date:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 9.15am-9.45am.