

School Council Meeting – Monday 27th January 2020

In Attendance

Year 2 – (Finley and Caleb)

Year 3 – (Lewis and Scarlet)

Year 4 – (Nuha) (No Wojciech as he was at a gymnastics competition)

Year 5 – (Isla and Harrison)

Year 6 – (Tegan and John)

Mrs R Royle

Agenda

1. Merit Pencils and Attendance Bear
2. Sharston Recycling Centre
3. Council Suggestion Boxes (are they used)
4. Any Other Business

1. Merit Pencils and Attendance Bear

After a discussion the children decided that:

- **KS1 should be awarded with a certificate and a merit pencil**
- **KS2 children should be awarded a certificate and a pen.**

The children felt a pen is more useful in KS2 as many of the older children write in pen, although pencils are needed for maths. Both KS1 and KS2 children said they like receiving a pencil but having a certificate makes the occasion even more special.

Attendance Bear – The children felt that KS1 might prefer to have ‘Alfie Bear’ and that KS2 would rather have extra play. KS2 children said they were not bothered about having ‘Alfie Bear’ as he just sits on the altar all week, whereas in KS1 perhaps Alfie is more involved with activities such as circle time, guided reading, book corner etc.

The children also said that **they miss seeing the class attendance displayed** each week. They liked the interactive attendance board where they could put the attendance signs for each class in a pocket on the display board, displaying the winning class’s attendance figure for that week.

2. Sharston Recycling Centre

Mrs Royle told all present that we would be **attending Sharston Recycling Centre on 31st March** and that this was a joint trip with the Eco-Council. A letter will go out soon for parents to give permission for this. Mrs Royle said that as ‘Global Warming’ is a very real and current issue that it was important for School Councillors to be involved too.

3. Council Suggestion Boxes

A discussion took place about the use of the suggestion boxes in the classrooms. All agreed that **these were not being used**. Mrs Royle asked if children were being given time to talk to the class about school issues – the children said that this wasn't really being done and felt this was mainly due to time. One child said, "it takes us away from our learning time if we do things like that." Another child **suggested that school councillors could be given ten minutes every Friday afternoon** to ask their class if there is anything they wish to discuss and put forward for the school councillors to bring to meetings. One child suggested a Wednesday rather than a Friday as this was the middle of the week, rather than the end when things might be forgotten over the weekend. Mrs Royle said this was a good idea and that she will put it forward.

Mrs Royle's suggestion – **school council surgery time** – where the school councillors sit at a spare table in the classroom towards the end of the day and children can visit the councillors to put forward ideas and suggestions (Once a week – for ten minutes at a time suitable to the class teacher).

4. Any other Business

The following points were discussed:

- Children suggested that councillors have a **special tie or badge**
- **Lunch time awards – the children are missing this**, they felt it was nice to be acknowledged for good behaviour at lunch times and suggested rewards such as having a job to do (by the lunch time supervisors), assisting the lunch time supervisors
- The **green mat used for gymnastics outside is getting hard**. It is often slippery and is not very soft anymore
- **School Field** – could this be used more at play times/lunch times? It might relieve the busyness of the playgrounds and football which is played on every playground including the pitch
- Can **trophies be brought back** and awarded to classes who have played football the nicest? This might encourage classes to play nicely with the football
- **Playground equipment is not being used as it should be** – some children are using the ropes to play inappropriate games (a year 5 child said this). Year 3 said there are frequent arguments over the 'hoppers'. Some children are using the hoppers as balls, they are being kicked, thrown or swung around. KS1 said that some of their equipment is getting broken

Next meeting to be held in the next half term – Spring Term 2 - Date to be agreed.