

School Council Meeting

Friday 12th January 2024

Agenda:

- Minutes of last meeting
- Matters Arising
- Flowers for Mothering Sunday
- This term's Christian value
- New Year's Resolution
- Children's Mental Health Week
- Road Safety
- World Book Day
- Collective Worship Monitoring
- Courageous Advocacy
- Wellbeing
- AOB
- Date and time of next meeting

Those present:

- Ralph
- Libby
- Robyn
- Olivia
- Edith
- Max
- William
- Emie
- Mia
- Sonny
- Amber
- Lauren

Flowers for Mothering Sunday

- The School Council members all agreed they would use their funds to buy the flowers for Mother's Day posies again this year.

Christian Value

- All members knew that the Christian value for this term is justice. They also were able to explain what justice means.

New Year's Resolution

- The children roughly knew what the new year's resolution was, although they were unsure of the wording. Mrs Jones reminded everyone that this is displayed in every class and in the hall.
- We discussed thinking of a glass half full to help them to remember the meaning.

Children's Mental Health Week

- Mrs Jones explained that the week commencing 5th February is Children's Mental Health Week.
- Louise Ramsey from the Swan Youth Project is coming in to lead collective worship on Monday of that week.
- We discussed what helps us to have good mental health. The children came up with many good examples e.g. plenty of sleep, drinking plenty of water, exercise, therapy or counselling if needed, being around friends and family, being around pets or animals etc.
- Mrs Jones introduced the idea of turning the shelter into a 'calm canopy' or an area dedicated to supporting the children's mental health. The members really liked this idea.
- Mrs Jones asked for ideas of what we could put into the 'calm canopy' and the children came up with the following ideas: bubbles, playdoh, teddies, wellbeing books, a worry box or somewhere you can write down your worries, flowers, plants, colouring and colouring pencils, lanterns, fairy lights and beanbags.
- We discussed how we would need to keep items in plastic containers because of the weather and rain. The wellbeing ambassadors could take these out each break and lunchtime.
- Mia suggested there were themed days.
- We discussed how we could have a competition to name the area during Children's Mental Health Week. Mia suggested 'Relax Room' or 'Sensory Sensations'.
- During the week, each class could create ideas for things to go into the area.
- The children wanted a grand opening with a ribbon and big scissors.
- Sonny suggested that Class 1 would need their own area, and all agreed this was a good idea.

- Mrs Jones also shared a 'thank you for helping me feel like I matter' sheet and suggested that each child could fill one of these in for another child to take home. The children suggested that the lollipop sticks could be used to ensure that no one is left out. Mrs Jones will talk to the staff about this.

Road Safety

- Mrs Jones explained that she had been approached by a parent from the school to support a campaign to improve road safety in the village. The children agreed that vehicles are driving too fast through the village and that the junction onto the main road is dangerous.
- Mrs Jones asked the children for suggestions for what could be done to improve road safety. They suggested: speed bumps, traffic lights, reducing the speed limit, signs, double yellow lines, time limited parking spaces and a roundabout.
- Mrs Jones suggested getting the parent to come in and talk to the children.
- The School Council could send out a road safety survey.
- The School Council could then write to the local MP or councillor.
- This could be a theme for courageous advocacy.

World Book Day

- The children wanted to dress up for World Book Day again this year.
- They liked paired reading and inviting parents in from last year.
- Mia suggested all the children had to design their own book character. All agreed this was a good idea.
- Edith suggested dressing up as non-fiction people.
- World Book Day is on 7th March.

Collective Worship Monitoring

- We discussed how we could make the monitoring easier at the end of each collective worship. The children suggested having 4 children from Class 4 to take out each Child of the Day to the library to complete the monitoring during the hymn. All agreed this was a good idea and could start next week.

Courageous Advocacy

- Linked to road safety item.

Wellbeing

- Pet discussion. Mia suggested having a school pet again. After a discussion with Mr Cawley, it was agreed that guinea pigs would be good pets. The members will write a letter to the parents asking if anyone has an old hutch or run that could be used, or if anyone knows of guinea pigs for sale, or any that could be donated to the school. Members to create the letter next week.

AOB

- Mia suggested having 'sorry slips' for children to complete when they go onto orange or red. The members liked this idea. Mrs Jones to talk to the teachers at the next staff meeting.
- The children also wanted more opportunity to go back to green within a day if they go onto red or orange. Mrs Jones to talk to the teachers at the next staff meeting.

Date and Time of next meeting: Friday 8th March at 1.15pm in the library.