

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday 22nd October 2014

PRESENT

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Class Council Targets

This is something your class will try and achieve during the term or over the year. This is something should aim to have a positive impact on or in school or even within the wider community.

School Council discussed the suggestions below and advised other class councillors especially of they were having any problems or were struggling to achieve their target.

The following were some of their suggestions in previous years.

- To have more things to play with on the playground
- To have more special occasion lunches e.g. Halloween lunch
- To organise a tidy up day
- To organise a cake stall
- To have a jumble sale to raise money for a particular project
- To making behaviour posters for school toilets e.g. wash hands, flush toilets, etc.

This year the class targets are...

Year 1

- **To look after, keep clean and tidy and replant as necessary the top playground quiet area near the Old School Room**

Details...

- They want to scrub benches and table tops
- Weed the planters
- Litter pick as needed
- School Council suggested that groups of children with the help of parents do this work on a regular basis

Year 2

- **They want to attract and look after an area to encourage more bird life**

Details...

- They want to make bird feeders
- Bird feeders need to be squirrel proof
- Need to be in a position so the birds can be seen
- Long term - make a hide to watch the birds
- School Council suggested that this would link well to the Year 5 target so Year 2 and Year 5 should work together

Year 3

- **They want to introduce sign language in a bigger way**

Details...

- They want to teach all Year 3 and then teach the whole school e.g. signing Happy Birthday
- School Council thought this was a great idea

Year 4

- **To look after, keep clean and tidy the quiet area near the Environmental Area**

Details...

- They want to scrub benches and table tops - they think it would be a good idea to paint them to make it easier to keep them clean
- Litter pick as needed
- School Council suggested that more wood chip is needed - need to find a solution

Year 5

- **To look after, keep clean and tidy the Environmental Area and create a nature trail**

Details...

- They want to ensure the area is able to be used safely and looks good
- They want to create a nature trail which can be used by all year groups with a kind of 'I Spy' element to it.
- School Council suggested that they could link up with Year 2 so part of 'I spy' could be linked to what birds can you see or hear.

Year 6

- **To become classroom helpers to help teachers at break times and lunchtimes**

Details...

- They want to help by giving out books etc. so classroom ready for next lesson
- Help teacher set up for next lesson when extra help needed e.g. science lesson
- Quite happy to set up and turn on computers but not horrible jobs like pencil sharpening
- School Council agreed this was a good idea

Class Issues/comments raised at school council

At every school council meeting each class council can raise one issue that they want to discuss with the whole school council and Mr Perry.

The school council will then discuss the issue/s and try and resolve the problem whether it be a job for Jackie or possibly an individual class or individual councillors e.g. set up litter monitors

At this meeting the following issues were raised

Year 1

- Some Netbooks need replacing.
- Mr Perry explained that a system was in place to try and replace them as soon as possible but they are expensive so it will take time. Year 6 have just had a complete new set.

Year 2

- Their outside ramp is slippery.
- The class want a brush so they can give it a daily brush
- Mr Perry said he would add this issue to the defects log book after the meeting so that Jackie will give it a good clean first then the class can just keep it clear of leaves etc.

Year 3

- One way system next to cloakroom
- Children and teachers need a reminder about this
- School Council suggested that Year 3 make signs to remind everyone about the one way system.
- School Council also told Mr Perry that teachers are worse than the children for not following this rule
- Mr Perry said he would remind all the staff that they have to follow the one way system.

Year 4

- Toilets - some hand dryers are not working
- Mr Perry said he would add this to defects log book too and hopefully Jackie will fix them.

Year 5

- Year 5 wanted more equipment in the box
- School Council discussed this and some children thought there was a lot but often it didn't get put back.
- School Council also discussed a suggestion that rugby balls should be introduced to the playground. School Council decided that although it could be fun and would improve rugby skills that it would become too dangerous as children would start tackling each other.

Year 6

- They want a bigger room to eat with their friends and sometimes there is not enough room to sit together.
- This was discussed but there was no easy solution.
- Mr Perry suggested that need to make sure we vary rota on which class comes in first after the Year 3 to make sure that two or three times a week they get in early and therefore have a better chance to sit with their friends.

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