

Home Farm Primary School Governor Visit Report

Name:	Marilyn Rivett
Date of Visit:	10 th March 2015
Focus of Visit (linked to SDP):	To attend a School Council meeting and understand its role.
Classes / staff visited:	The School Council is made up of two representatives from classes 1 to 6 plus the Head Boy and Girl.
<p>Overview</p> <p>The School Council meetings are short and focussed on a small number of issues with a Year 6 pupil typing the minutes directly into a laptop. Although the meeting was led by the Deputy Head, the focus was very much on the contributions made by the children.</p> <p>Pupils reported back on the results of their surveys around the new reward system for those completing a reading challenge. All pupils were listened to and their views respected, the final decision was based on the majority choice.</p> <p>The pupils were given copies of the proposed new school menu and were asked to take it back to their classes for comment, so that it could be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>The children were asked for their nominations of for the citizenship award.</p> <p>Evidence of previous discussions and outcomes can be seen in the Minutes of Meetings.</p>	
<p>Objective Observations</p> <p>Home Farm pupils are respectful and courteous in their discussions. They were articulate and thoughtful. It was noticeable how the older children listened attentively and were encouraging of their younger committee members. A Year 1 pupil's views were as respected as those of a Year 6 pupil.</p>	
<p>Subjective Observations</p> <p>All the children appeared confident and seemed to enjoy the task of representing their classes.</p>	
<p>Conclusion</p> <p>Home Farm School Council is an excellent example of 'Democracy in Action'.</p>	

Signed:M Rivett..... (Governor)

Signed (Headteacher / Subject Leader)