

## School council minutes 14/10/2021 – Vanessa Legouix

Representatives:

Y1 Apricot- Henry; Amber – Iris; Coral – Damien (Kai absent)	Y2 Saffron – Alexa; Ochre –Caoimh; Cinnamon – Matilda	Y3 Mint – Josiah and Betty; Emerald – Alva F; Jade – Kian
Y4 Turquoise – Mia and Rhyce Azure – Hawa Cobalt – Balraj and Agnes Blue – Prince	Y5 Lavender – Amelie; Indigo – Fatima; Violet – Evelyn	Y6 Brass – Nicole and Miriam; Bronze – Stella and Max

The focus this year is ‘building communities’. We started the meeting by introducing ourselves and welcoming each other.

### What is the School Council for?

- To make changes and help our school improve and make it even better
- To make children happier
- To make sure our school is safe
- To get people together
- To help the environment

I shared examples of the achievements of the previous school council.

### Feedback from classes: why do you think you were voted in/ chosen to be a representative?

- Environment
- Litter - fruit being dropped on the floor; rubbish on the playground.
- School dinners
- Toilets
- How expensive things are: clubs, school dinners.

### Strengths of our school

- We are good at helping each other; we have good friends
- We are good at helping others. We have regular food donations and supporting charities
- We make people feel welcome and safe
- We get a good education
- When there is bullying we have kind pupils and teachers who help us
- We are good at building courage
- Our teachers are nice
- We do fun things in class.
- We have lots of clubs.

### What do we need to improve:

- Toilets across the school – sinks are blocked, no soap, doors busted, locks don't work, smelly.
- School dinners – we can't work out what it is and if you ask what is vegetarian they just point at it and you still don't know what it is.
- more trees in the playground.
- Paxton playground – we'd like more things to play with, we only have balls and skipping ropes. We'd love some monkey bars.
- Y1 playground – we'd like things to play on and climb on.
- Climbing apparatus – we never use it in PE.
- Homework club should be on a Friday not a Thursday as there are too many distractions

### What is a community?

A community is a group who get together and who help each other.

### Roles and responsibilities:

I've asked children to talk with their classes about roles and responsibilities that could exist across our school to improve the sense of community; opportunities for children to contribute within school and beyond.

A few suggestions that came up in an initial conversation were:

- Gardeners / Gardening club (not just afterschool as children can't always attend. In lockdown children had lots of opportunities for gardening and they would like this to continue). We talked about there being a group of children who could be responsible for looking after and maintaining plants around the school.
- A medical club with children trained in first aid so that they can help look after each other when they fall over.
- Cooking club (again something that they enjoyed from lockdown which they think there won't be time for again) or a group of children who could work alongside the kitchen.