

School council minutes 2/12/2021 – Vanessa Legouix

Meeting 4

Mr Hyde joined our meeting.

Representatives:

Y1 Apricot- Henry -PE ; Amber – Iris; Coral –Kai absent	Y2 Saffron – Alexa; Ochre –AJ Cinnamon – Matilda	Y3 Mint – Josiah and Betty; Emerald – Alva F; Jade – Kian Blue - Shamari
Y4 Turquoise – Mia and Rhyce Azure – Hawa Cobalt – Balraj and Agnes	Y5 Lavender – Amelie, Van and Safiya; Indigo – Rukavee; Violet – Evelyn and Amaya	Y6 Brass – Nicole and Miriam Bronze – Stella

Feedback from last meeting:

- The children are really keen to work with different year groups.
Nursery – Year 6 (plus other year groups according to mentoring/prefect duties)
Reception – Year 3
Year 1 – Year 4
Year 2 – Year 5
Could this be part of end of term arrangements?
- Green Team – **Y1 – Y4 PLEASE CHOOSE A GREEN TEAM rep. Mrs Jupp will work with children to become the green team or waste cadets. Each class Y1-Y4 to choose one person to be the representative.**
- Y3 Emerald – Francesca and Kai.
- Poster competition – design a poster to share what we can do to improve our school to improve our environment.

Mr Hyde joined us so that we could share the key issues

Dinners – specifically school dinners

Y5 and Y6 talked about lunchtimes still being rushed. The issue is not about not having enough time to eat per se but about being pressured on return to class. Mr Hyde will look into this.

Y3 and Y4 feel that their lunchtime is rushed and they miss out on playtime.

Children had collected lots of timings data to prove that lunchtimes were short and rushed.

One reason for this is the time it takes to collect lunches. Sharing menus and making menus visible so that children have had the opportunity to decide prior to collecting their lunch should help with this. Also the importance of dialogue with dinner staff when choosing food. It was suggested that the food could also be labelled. This would help with identifying which food is vegetarian to avoid mix ups.

A request was made for Top Table to be restarted.

Toilets

Mr Hyde talked about the cost of refurbishing the toilet blocks we have – around £80K.

He agreed that the conditions need improving but so does behaviour and use of the toilets. It was suggested that this could be part of the prefect's role.

Environment

We shared concerns about the environment and Mr Hyde agreed that: recycling, heating, idling, parking were key issues.

Playground

AoB

- Art has been drawing and sketching – Mr Hyde said that this is part of the overview and talk to teachers about curriculum issues. The same is true for use of the big apparatus in the halls to be used in PE.
- Clubs – club suggestions have been made. Mr Hyde said that he will look at clubs and it was too late to make changes for next term but he will keep suggestions in mind for after easter.
- Paxton Hall floor is unsafe you get splinters when you sit on it. Mr Hyde said that the dinner hall is also in need of repair.
- Racial inequality – Y6 mentioned that their teachers mentioned this was an issue. We looked at our school council and discussed that it was representative of the make up of our school and in this forum everyone was listened to and heard. It was decided that this would be a good focus for discussion for older children, Y5 and Y6.