

School council minutes 3/03/2022– Vanessa Legouix

Meeting 6

Representatives:

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

Children were each given a shiny school council badge.

I need to give badges to Balraj, Kai, Kian, Idl and AJ. I'll bring them to the next meeting.

Feedback from classes:

Classes fed back on meetings they had had with their classes:

Lavender and violet class- talked about the Sustainable Development Goals and how we can work towards them.

Indigo – talked about fundraising and how we can help others in need. They also talked about wanting cleaner toilets. They also discussed how we used to hold tournaments such as the spelling bee and maths ones and they would like that to happen again. This sparked a conversation about competitions and whether there were any competitions linked to World Book Day.

Emerald – talked about wanting to bring back top table but then they agreed that it wasn't fun not sitting with your friends at lunchtime.

Environment

In the last meeting the children talked about wanting to help protect the animals that are around our school and making sure that our environment is safe for them too.

Bird boxes

I have signed up and received a bird box from the Cameron Bespolka Trust and CJ Wildlife who have sent us a garden nest box for our school. The box is one of the '70 Next Boxes for 70 Years' to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Today we walked around the school to look for a suitable space for this birdbox to go.

Thinking about where your classes play, please also have a look and see if you can see somewhere suitable. Do you notice any birds near your classroom and play areas?

This bird box is best placed generally facing north through east to southeast and sheltered from prevailing wind, rain and strong sunlight. Birds like a clear flight path so the entrance shouldn't be cluttered with foliage. It needs to be 2-4m high.



We also have the opportunity to house a swift box. The swift population is in fast decline and they are declining at a rate of 3% each year. They are the UK's fastest bird and nest from May-August in crevices in buildings. Installing a nest box will help preserve the inner-city swift population, enhance biodiversity and improve the local atmosphere.

We also looked around the school for a suitable place for a swift box. The box needs to be at least 4.5m above ground level, with clear airspace around it, ideally under eaves or on a gable, but not above a window or near ventilators or flues. If you think you can see a suitable space, let us know.

We talked about how this links to Sustainable Development Goal 15 -life on land; 13 – climate action and 11 – sustainable cities and communities.

Action before next meeting

- Discuss competitions or tournaments ideas
- Discuss fundraising ideas – charities and reasons why
- Discuss bird boxes and positions around the school.

