

School council minutes 9/2/2023– Vanessa Legouix

Meeting 4

Representatives:

Y3 Mint – AJ Emerald – Remel Jade – Edward	Y4 SWIMMING Turquoise – Azure – Zayne Cobalt – L'Shayah & Ni'Mari	Y5 Lavender – Lily Indigo – Nathan & Betty Violet – Aimee	Y6 Brass – Fatima Daniel Bronze – Toby, Ella Copper – Violet, Annevie	Y6 ECO Brass – Bronze - Maija, Daniel Copper – Amaya, Ethan, Annevie
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Feedback from classes:

- Toilets are still an issue
- Can the dinner staff have new hair nets
- The brown plastic fence in the ball court is broken and the gate doesn't close.

PTA funds/ improving our school environment

The governors and PTA have asked the School Council to think about how they feel monies raised from fundraising should be spent to improve our school.

Suggestions were:

- Astroturf in the ball court as fake grass will lead to fewer injuries
- Playground equipment in Paxton such as a trim trail, obstacle course
- Sports equipment, dressing up clothes etc for playtime
- More nature areas around out school
- Y1 playground – trim trail and play ground markings

Children have been asked to write lists of good things about their playgrounds and what they would like to improve in our playgrounds so that in our next meeting we can compare and decide what can be done.

Children's mental health week

It was also suggested that teachers should have training in children's mental health and what the best way is of talking to children and dealing with behaviour and problems and how children can be helped afterwards – restorative.

Suggestion that we should have a counsellor in our school as there are many children who need help.

Traffic

- Could we have signs encouraging people to slow down because there is a school ahead
- Could we get speed guns and find out how fast the cars are being driven as some are so fast
- Could there be an island in the middle to make it safer to cross or traffic lights, or a zebra crossing
- Speed bumps might slow drivers down

At school pick up and drop off the traffic is really bad, it is a bit quieter in the day. It means the traffic is dangerous for walking to school. We discussed how the traffic is people driving to school, which means it is not safe to walk, which means people drive. We started thinking about why people drive to school and how we can encourage people to use their cars less.

Badges

Lots of the badges have fallen off or broken. Can we have new badges?

Birdwatch

Some children noticed birds around our school. We have been thinking about installing a bird box and bird feeders. Some children went to the park and carried out the birdwatch and some carried out the birdwatch at home. They noticed different birds and could now recognise and name them.

Action before next meeting:

Children have been asked to write lists of good things about their playgrounds and what they would like to improve in our playgrounds so that in our next meeting we can compare and decide what can be done. We will then go on a walk around the school grounds and find out about different parts of the school and see what needs to be improved and how we could do this.