

School Council 2025-26

Meeting Date: 21.1.26 Minutes

Attendees:

Y6: Liam & Sienna

Y5: Mason & Cassia

Y4: Gabriella & Izabella

Y3: Alex S & Anna

Y1: Isaac & Antek

Mrs Sammon

Apologies:

Y2: Jamie & Iris out on a trip

1/ Actions/feedback from last meeting

Cosy corner in the gazebo for games, chat, books at lunchtime – over time OPAL play will include some of these things We would like swings and slides on the playground – Hopefully OPAL playtimes will mean you are happy with what equipment and natural spaces we already have that have now been opened up for lunchtimes. School council were concerned about those who don't have wellies so we discussed the donation box so children can borrow if they don't have any.

Lunchtime suggestions – hot dogs, square pizza, all day breakfast, ice-cream have shared the ideas with the kitchen staff but they have rules about what they have to include on their menu and what they cannot so they might not be able to include all the ideas.

Club suggestions – art, maths, basketball, darts, lego, phonics, tennis have shared the ideas with subject leaders so we hope to include in the future.

Hand drier in the Y5/6 toilets needs mending shared with caretaker– this is fixed.

Water fountains reinstated in the corridors school council agreed and understood that there is no need for these as everyone brings a water bottle and they are less hygienic than drinking from water bottle. Also encourages pupils hanging around in the corridors at break/lunchtime.

Comics in the library we will consider when buying next set of new books for the library. We will look at subscriptions too. School council thought we could put a request in the newsletter for donations for a box to keep in the library.

The boys bathroom to be nicer new colours have been chosen by the KS2 children from school council and all the children's bathrooms in the school are due to be refurbished soon.

MUGA as OPAL opens up, we will introduce girls only session and mixed year groups and also consider some other sports which you shared last time.

2/ Reading

- Do you get your 20/100 read stamps? All year groups had their diaries checked but not all were receiving their 20/100 read stamps.
- How often do you read at home? All said they were reading some of the time at home but not every day. The older children said they weren't always recording when they read their book in their reading diary. Some of the children up to year 3 were also having a bedtime story depending on how tired they were. Year 4/5/6 children only read to themselves or not at all at bedtime.
- What would persuade you to read more? Competition to see how many books were read in a class over a term and have a reward at the end.
- What types of book would you like to see in the library and in your classrooms? Comics, funny books, Dogman, Bunny Vs Monkey, Non fiction fact books like the Guinness World Record book.
- What would make your classroom reading area more inviting and interesting? Cushions, decorated linked to the class book, book recommendations from other children, grouped by type of book or in alphabetical order
- What would you like to see on world book day this year? The same or something different? Nearly all like dressing up. Two classes grouping up for paired reading or an activity. Adults sharing their favourite book with classes, unwrapping a book for the class.

3/ Any new ideas to share from class feedback on the suggestion box. Ran out of time so school council will bring their notebook with ideas for next time.

4/ AOB Nothing else to share today