

School Council Minutes Wednesday 14 November 2018

Present:

Mr Mazza and Mrs Furniss

Yr 1 ~ Diamond, Moonstone, Sapphire

Yr 2 ~ Aquamarine, Turquoise, Tanzanite

Yr 3 ~ Jade, Coral, Amber

Yr 4 ~ Emerald, Onyx, Ruby

Yr 5 ~ Amethyst, Sunstone, Topaz

Yr 6 ~ Quartz, Peridot, Zultanite

Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

Children in Need:

Thank you to Beau/Jade Class for his article in the newsletter promoting the Children in Need merchandise on sale in the office.

Action: Reps to continue to promote non-uniform day ~ theme "Spots and Dots!"

School Council Badges

Mr Mazza informed the council that he had ordered more School Council Badges and as soon as they arrive he will distribute them accordingly.

School Improvement Plan

Mr Mazza discussed this with the reps and he put a draft together.

Action: Mr Mazza to type up the council's ideas and present it to the council at the next meeting.

Agenda

Behaviour Ladders

At the last school meeting, the council carried out a School Improvement Walk and one of the main observations was the variation on the number of steps it takes to get to the top/bottom of the ladder in each classroom. The council agreed that this should be consistent across the school so that it is fair and agreed that there should be three steps up and three steps down from the middle.

Action: Mr Mazza to discuss this with staff.

The council continued to discuss the effectiveness of the behaviour ladder and made the following comments:

- they felt it was a good thing that classes gave out different rewards for reaching the top of the ladders and felt that this didn't have to be consistent throughout the school;
- they agreed that everyone should start in the middle of the ladder each morning;
- some felt that the same children were being moved up and down the ladder;
- some felt that there wasn't much ladder movement at all in their classes and were aware that some teachers used it a lot, whereas some hardly used it at all.

***Action: All reps to monitor ladder movement in their class.
Is everyone being moved regularly during the week?***

Suggestions from Class Boxes

- **Could we have an after school Art Club?**

Action: Mr Mazza to raise with staff.

- **Currently all the KS1 equipment has been roped off so there is nothing for the children to play on during break times. When shall we be able to use it again?**

Mr Mazza said that this was roped off as the wood was rotting but will look into whether or not it is necessary for it all to be roped off. There are discussions for new equipment to be added to the playground.

Action: Mr Carter to be invited to the next meeting to discuss future plans.

- **There were a few notes about things that were broken around the school**

Mr Mazza encouraged pupils to report this immediately to their class teacher who in turn would inform the caretakers, rather than wait to bring it up at a council meeting.

- **Year 6 have asked to have a water cooler upstairs by their classrooms.**

Mr Mazza suggested that a Year 6 rep contacts Mr Lacey to ask for a costing for this. Is the expense reasonable or would it be too costly? Could Year 6 raise funds for this if they wanted it?

Action: Finley/Peridot Class volunteered to speak with Mr Lacey

- **Salad bar in KS1**

In response to a question from Mr Mazza, KS1 commented that they didn't have a salad bar at lunch time and were not given a choice of salad items, unlike KS2. During the last meeting that CDC came along to they did say that children could have as much salad or vegetables as they wanted. If a salad bar was implemented in KS1 could Year 2 children serve the salad?

Action: Mrs Dutch to look into

Next Meeting

The next school council meeting shall take place on **Wednesday 28 November** at 14:30 in the Training Room.

*Mrs Furniss
School Council Secretary*