

School Council Minutes
Wednesday 29th March 2021

Present	Absent
Mr Hogwood and Mrs Furniss Yr 1 ~ Diamond, Moonstone, Sapphire Yr 2 ~ Aquamarine, Tanzanite, Turquoise Yr 3 ~ Jade, Coral, Amber Yr 4 ~ Emerald, Onyx, Ruby Yr 5 ~ Amethyst, Sunstone, Topaz Yr 6 ~ Peridot, Quartz, Zultanite	

Welcome

Mr Hogwood welcomed newcomers to the meeting and gave these reps their school council badges.

Matters Arising

1. WELL-BEING

At the last meeting, Mr Hogwood gave the reps the task of discussing the following questions with their classes and their responses were as follows:

a. What makes us happy at school?

- lessons - PE, art, maths, ICT (esp Purple Mash), literacy
- achieving
- learning new things
- having lots of books to read / silent reading
- seeing and talking to friends who cheer us up
- breaks and lunchtimes
- science experiments
- moving up the ladder
- being outside on the field or in the woodland walk
- Sports Day and sports tournaments
- Using Teacher's Pet
- Well-being Wednesday
- Golden Time

b. Do you have the opportunity to talk about our feelings in class?

The feeling amongst the majority of responses was that we do have the opportunity to talk about our feelings in class, through PSHE lessons and with Teacher's Pet, but the children would welcome more opportunities to do this.

c. What can we do to promote well-being at Loose?

- longer break times (afternoon breaks for KS2)
- regular daily mile sessions
- more PE/fitness challenges/yoga/team building sessions
- more learning outside
- more break time activities and equipment (inc artificial pitches)
- provide more time to talk in class or in small groups
- better lunches / more choices
- return to swimming
- return of Well-being Wednesdays
- calm music in classes whilst working
- class pets
- mindful colouring
- having more adults available to talk to
- be gentle and kind, make others laugh and take care of those who are hurt
- having class litter picker monitors
- Best Class awards with a trip to the park as a reward
- Feelings card – one side with a happy face, the other with a sad face

2. SCHOOL TRIPS

Mr Hogwood also tasked the children to provide feedback on trips that they have enjoyed in the past and trips they would like to go on in the future. Their responses were:

- zoo / wildlife centres / farms / aquariums
- woodland / forest activities (eg Bedgebury) / nature reserves
- castles (Dover)
- Loose valley
- Kent Life / Hop Farm / Mote Park
- swimming/water activities (inc the beach & Larkfield Leisure Centre)
- theme parks
- London sightseeing
- Dominoes
- camping at school (inside and outdoors)
- bowling / cinema / mini-golf / Gravity / Go Ape
- workshops (like the Egyptian one / Maidstone Museum)
- planetarium
- airport

The vast majority of students were in favour of having two residential trips and suggested beach locations, Isle of Wight, Cornwall, Wales, France, Poland, Africa or Asia as possible locations!

Learning Walks with Mr Hogwood

Mr Hogwood invited the reps to accompany him on a learning walk around their bubble and to report back to the council their findings. The council were encouraged to list positive things they saw and comment on things they felt could be better. They will be particular keen to spot our Teacher's Pet monsters!

Mr Hogwood would like to briefly meet with the reps to discuss this during our first week back in term 5. The dates and time for this are:

Year Group	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Year 1 and 2	21 April	13:45	Brook Hall
Year 3 and 5	21 April	12:30	Courtyard
Year 4 and 6	19 April	11:00	Quiet Area

The dates of the learning walk are:

Year Group	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Year 1 and 2	28 April	10:45	Brook Hall
Year 3 and 5	27 April	10:45	Courtyard
Year 4 and 6	26 April	11:45	Quiet Area

Next Meeting

The next school council meeting will take place on **Monday 10th May at 14:00 in the Woodland Walk** (weather permitting!)

Mrs Furniss
School Council Secretary