

School Council Meeting

Friday 2nd February 2024

12.30pm

'Book Nook'

Present: Callum; Seb; Henry P; Erin; Max; Zoe; Mrs. TB. Ellis was poorly and Millie did not attend.

1. Minutes from the last meeting:

As a result of the last meeting, school now has a Wednesday evening Rugby After school club. Maths support will be part of SATs club which starts after February half term.

Unfortunately, chess club cannot resume as the cost of it is too high for the number of pupils who attend. The councillors were asked if they would like to resume Friday Chess lessons and they agreed not to do so.

Teddy Day has yet to be organised.

The girls toilet doors have not yet been fixed and now one of the boys doors is not locking.

There is still a lot of 'putting hands up' in classrooms rather than choosing sticks.

2. Pankurst/Attenborough class:

a. Can we have a water cooler in each classroom as they are better than tap water. Mrs. TB to look into the water cooler situation with Mrs. McDonnagh as she is unsure regarding what school actually pays for the water coolers.

b. Can KS2 have an afternoon break? Mrs. TB explained to the children that in KS2 they have more learning hours prescribed by the government than KS1 children. On a Thursday afternoon a break is not possible as they have planned-in breaks between their three sessions. Mrs. TB said she will speak to the teachers regarding having afternoon breaks as and when children need them to support their learning.

- c. School Dinners – some children only get 5 minutes to eat their lunch as their table is last to get served. Mrs. TB explained the situation regarding lunch time organisation. A long discussion was had over current lunch time arrangements and other ways that we have tried has a school. **It was agreed to hold a Thinking Afternoon about Lunchtime organisation for the whole school.**
 - d. Can the reading area in Pankhurst move so the classroom can have more room? **Mrs. TB will speak to Mrs. Toft.**
 - e. Glue sticks – we always run out – can we have some more? Mrs. TB explained that school has a budget for things like glue sticks and that there was very little money left this financial year. She will try and find some money for glue sticks. A discussion ensued regarding whether or not it was a good idea for children to bring their own stationery into school. It was decided that it was not a good idea as things could get lost and it wasn't fair if some children could afford nicer things than others.
 - f. Reading Ambassadors – they are unsure as to their new rota. **Mrs. TB will ask Mrs. Toft for a copy of the new rota.**
3. Shackleton class:
- a. Can we have more 'NOVEL' time? **Mrs. TB will speak to the teachers about having more time.**
 - b. Can we have more football? A long discussion followed about which classes have football when and whether that was a fair amount of time each. The discussion then went on to discuss behaviour when playing football and an adult needing to be present as there were disagreement over teams and rules etc... **It was decided to hold a Football meeting for all KS2 children who want to play football to try and sort out clear rules, consequences and times.**
 - c. Maths – no Maths Friday. Mrs. TB explained how the timetable was organised and that we have to have Maths on Fridays.
 - d. French – can we have more French? Mrs. Tb explained that French was timetabled each week – if the teacher wants to do more French they can.

- e. Peg space is still an issue. A discussion followed about different ways of hanging clothes and spaces for bookbags. Mrs. TB will get some boxes for each table to trial after Feb half term.
- f. Can we plant some more trees? Mrs. TB said there is 'something' in the pipeline to do with this but at the moment it's a secret 😊
- g. Meeting concluded at 1.23pm

The next meeting is on 28th February at 12.30pm