



## School Council Meeting Minutes - 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016

### 1. Meet the School Councillors Book

Ryan now has the 'Meet the School Councillors' book and will pass it on when he has finished.

### 2. Suggestions for the School Council

There were no new suggestions in the book.

### 3. Brightening Day

Mrs Gardner joined us for this part of the meeting and discussed with the School Council how she was looking for the children's input and ideas about how to improve our playground. The School Councillors made the following suggestions.

- Large clock in the library.
- New posters changed regularly in the library.
- Wooden classroom – decorate by painting and adding wind chimes.
- Paint fences
- Forest – information plaques/posters/trails to follow/things to spot/animals in the trees for children to spot
- Playground markings to be revamped
- Equipment area – footsteps in the central area? Flowers or planters in the central area or possibly AstroTurf.
- A Resources Box for outside which might contain things like paper, pens, pencils, cameras and binoculars which the children can access.
- Stands in the forest area to be improved – chalkboards/whiteboards

### 4. Debating ideas

The School Council raised the issue last term that they felt that even though they enjoyed Pupil Parliament they wished that the topics were more relevant to them. We discussed some topics that they might like to debate. If you have any suggestions for debate topics please come and see Mrs McManus or write it in the School Council's Suggestion book. Here are a list of suggestions that the School Council came up with.

- Should hot dinners always be healthy?
- Should there be homework every day?
- Should we go to school?
- Should we have more school trips?

### 5. Lunch times and play times

Finally, we discussed how the School Council felt about the behaviour at playtimes and lunchtimes. Generally, the School Councillors were positive and felt that even though there were still some incidences these were dealt with quickly and effectively. The School Council did come up with a list of improvements.

- Toilet passes maybe stored in a box
- Dressing up box to be reinstated
- Clubs to be started up again
- More adults out on the playground to help with injuries
- If someone new comes to our school they could be buddied up with someone from their class so they have a friend at playtimes and lunchtimes.