

8th January 2016 - School Council Minutes

- Badges were given out to the relevant children:
 - School Council badges
 - Anti-bullying badges
 - Buddies badges

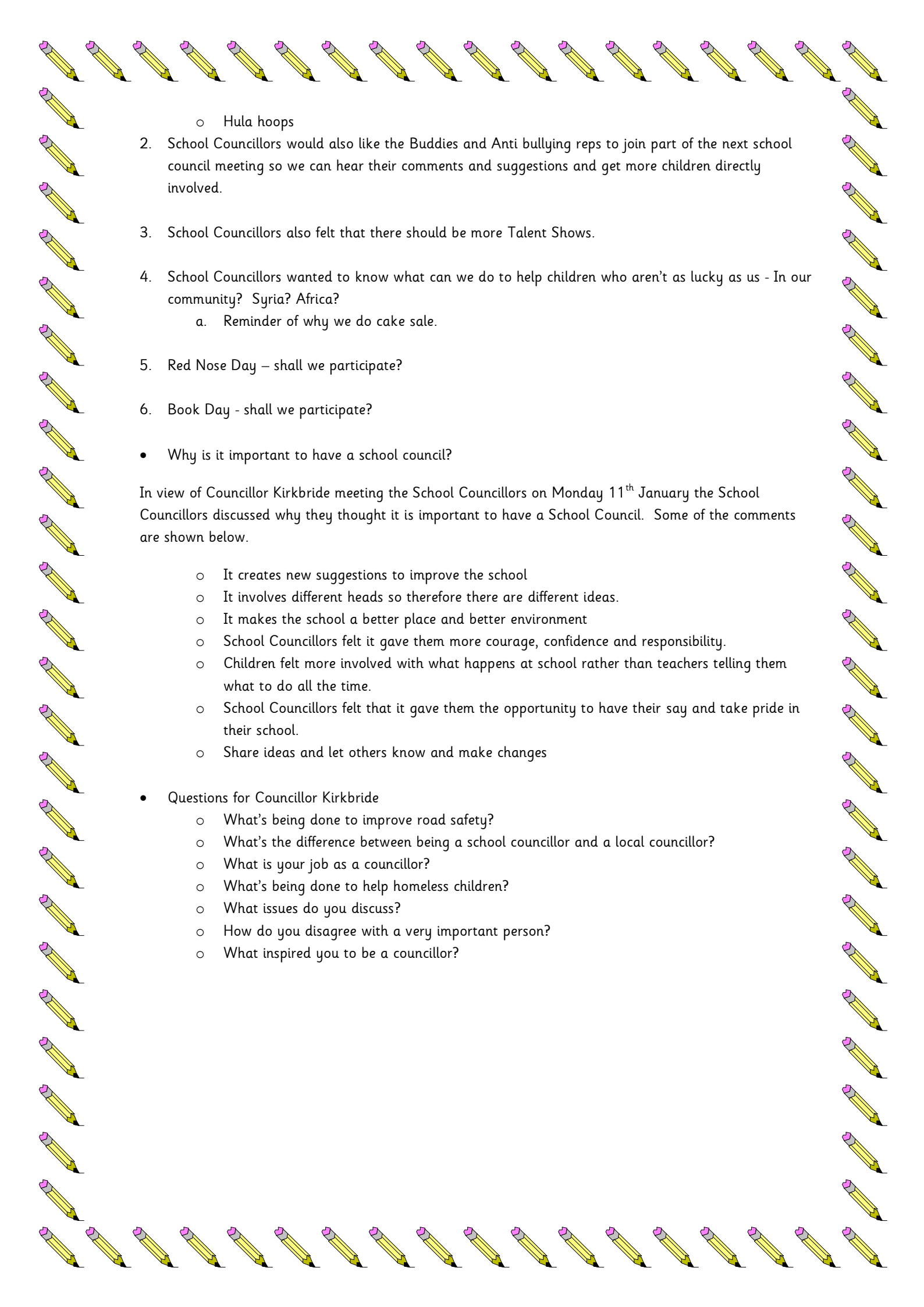
- The School Council book has now been started. The book will include photos, interests, info and what they do as a councillor.

- Happy Hedgehog
 - The Happy Hedgehog is located in the library where there is the school council display. The Happy Hedgehog's job is to turn any child who is unhappy back to being happy again. In order to do this children who are unhappy or have any worries or concerns can write them in a letter and put them in the Hedgehog. The Happy Hedgehog is for all children to use but only adults will read any letters inside. School Councillors, Buddies and Anti-Bullying Reps will inform teachers if there are any letters in the Happy Hedgehog.

- Good Friend Award
 - Buddies and Anti-bullying reps will come and see Mrs McManus every Wednesday lunch time to discuss which child deserves the Good Friend Certificate. This award will be given out in Mrs Gardner's Achiever's assembly.

- Lunchtime clubs
 - The School Councillors discussed how many children should be allowed in for each club at lunchtime and they also discussed some rules.
 - Lego club – 4 children at any one time. When the Lego Club children have finished they need to completely dismantle their model and put it into the correct box as the Duplo and Lego have been getting mixed up
 - Computer club – 0 children this term due to our Whole School Topic being Digital Denton and therefore the laptops need to be charged during lunchtime.
 - School Councillors would like to know if children can come in and use the class computers?
 - Colouring club – 6 children
 - Mud Monitors – 2 children

- Suggestions to improve the school
 1. The school Councillors discussed outside equipment that they thought all children would like for the new Playground box.
 - Cup and ball
 - Rackets with balls attached by string
 - Stilts
 - Balance discs – wobblers
 - Balls
 - Ankle – string – ball
 - Space hoppers
 - New football
 - Skipping ropes (a variety of sizes – rope ones)
 - Goal for the other side

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- Hula hoops

2. School Councillors would also like the Buddies and Anti bullying reps to join part of the next school council meeting so we can hear their comments and suggestions and get more children directly involved.
 3. School Councillors also felt that there should be more Talent Shows.
 4. School Councillors wanted to know what can we do to help children who aren't as lucky as us - In our community? Syria? Africa?
 - a. Reminder of why we do cake sale.
 5. Red Nose Day – shall we participate?
 6. Book Day - shall we participate?
- Why is it important to have a school council?

In view of Councillor Kirkbride meeting the School Councillors on Monday 11th January the School Councillors discussed why they thought it is important to have a School Council. Some of the comments are shown below.

- It creates new suggestions to improve the school
 - It involves different heads so therefore there are different ideas.
 - It makes the school a better place and better environment
 - School Councillors felt it gave them more courage, confidence and responsibility.
 - Children felt more involved with what happens at school rather than teachers telling them what to do all the time.
 - School Councillors felt that it gave them the opportunity to have their say and take pride in their school.
 - Share ideas and let others know and make changes
- Questions for Councillor Kirkbride
 - What's being done to improve road safety?
 - What's the difference between being a school councillor and a local councillor?
 - What is your job as a councillor?
 - What's being done to help homeless children?
 - What issues do you discuss?
 - How do you disagree with a very important person?
 - What inspired you to be a councillor?