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School Councillors meet Councillor Kirkbride

The School Councillors were very excited to meet Councillor Kirkbride. Councillor Kirkbride had already met all the Denton children by introducing herself in assembly and telling the children about her job and why it is important to have Councillors, MPs and debates.

The School Councillors described what their role is as a School Councillor and showed Councillor Kirkbride the School Council display. Each of the School Councillors asked her a question.

One pupil asked, "What's the difference between a School Councillor and a Councillor?"

Councillor Kirkbride said that there's actually very little difference between a School Council and a County Council apart from numbers. In the County Council meetings there are 52 people who attend and it also has a bigger budget to deal with.

Another wanted to find out how many people live in Northamptonshire. We found out that currently there are 691,852 people in Northamptonshire!

Someone posed the question, "Do Parish Councils work together?"

Councillor Kirkbride told us that the County Council often work with Parish Councils to find out what's going on in villages. The County Council also works with the District and Borough Council.

Two pupils shared with Councillor Kirkbride their fantastic road safety ideas.

Councillor Kirkbride recommended that they write their ideas down and she recommended a person for them to email who can look at their ideas and take them into consideration.

A school council member asked, "What inspired you to become a Councillor?"

Councillor Kirkbride told us she had many reasons for becoming a Councillor. She explained how she loved politics because it's exciting and there are lots of changes. However, she explained that the most important reason was she likes to help people, especially children. Councillor Kirkbride told us that she does a lot of work for children's services.

One pupil wanted to find out about homeless children and adults.

Councillor Kirkbride explained how children there are no homeless children in Northamptonshire as any children who are in need are either cared for at a children's home or by foster families. Homeless adults are cared for by charities

One of our Key Stage 1 council members wanted to find out about what happens to the rubbish in the County.

Councillor Kirkbride told us how in the past landfill sites were more commonly used to dispose of rubbish. However, now, there are far more recycling centres and a lot more rubbish is recycled.

Finally, the Year 1 council members recapped Councillor Kirkbride's top debating tip which was...

- Think of lots of different points, so that arguments aren't repeated.

The School Councillors thanked Councillor Kirkbride for joining them. Councillor Kirkbride then joined Class 5 where she chaired a debate on whether 54 houses should be built in Denton.

