

COBHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 01/03/22

PRESENT:	Mrs Saunders (Headteacher)	
	Mrs L Saunders (Governor)	
	Mrs Kelly	
	Astrid & Sajjan	Year 1
	Max & Mollie	Year 2
	Constance & Tom	Year 3
	L & Poppy	Year 4
	Ishani & Sahib	Year 5
	Joshua & Stephanie	Year 6

Apologies: Mrs Cresswell

ITEMS DISCUSSED

This School Council meeting was chaired by Joshua, one of our amazing Year 6 councillors:

1. FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR A NEW TRIM TRAIL?

Mrs Saunders has spoken to the PTA and they aim to fundraise for the Trim Trail during this year. If the children need to help out they are willing and very keen to taking part in/organise fundraising activities.

2. HAVE YEARS 2, 4 & 5 GOT THEIR NEW WATER BOTTLE HOLDERS?

Years 2, 4 and 5 have received their water bottle holders and are very pleased with them - thank you very much!

3. HAVE YEAR 6 DECIDED UPON THEIR RESPONSIBILITY?

Year 6 would like to monitor the food waste. Each class will be given a food waste bin and Year 6 will collect and empty the bins into the compost bin outside,

4. WHICH DAY ARE YEAR 2 AND YEAR 4 CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES?

Year 2 - Picking up rubbish and equipment (daily)

Year 3 - Leaf picking on a Friday

Year 4 - Lost Property sweep on a Friday

5. DRESS UP/FANCY DRESS DAY?

We have all dressed up recently for World Book Day and so Mrs Saunders will put a day in the Diary, for dressing up, for next term. Children will be able to choose how they dress up - as a parent, a teacher (as suggested by Year or as any character of your choice. However, Mrs Saunders will encourage the children to reuse any costumes/outfits they already have or put outfits/costumes together from things they have at home. Please do not ask parents to go and buy costumes!

6. CAN WE HAVE FOOTBALL NETS REPAIRED/REPLACED?

Yes, we can but not for a few weeks! We need to wait for the new school budget in April and then we will get some new nets ready for when we are using the field again. The football pitch will be marked out again, probably during the holidays, ready for the Summer terms.

7. ANY DEVELOPMENTS ON A COBHAM FOOTBALL OR RUGBY CLUB?

Mrs Saunders has spoken with Mr Simmons and he is happy to run a Football Club but we have missed the season for this year. He is willing to arrange something for next year and Mrs Saunders will also speak to Mr Draycott and Mr Low to see if they can help out too. Unfortunately, we don't have anyone at the moment to support and run a Rugby Club but Mrs Saunders will investigate this further. Mrs Saunders (Governor) said she might have a contact, who she will speak to, who might be willing to help out with a Rugby Club - watch this space but for next year!

8. CAN WE HAVE A LEGO DAY OR A BUILDING/CONSTRUCTION DAY?

These will definitely go into the Diary! Mrs Saunders revealed that the staff are planning an Art/DT Week and that some construction could be part of this but we will definitely put a Lego Day in the Diary. Poppy (Year 4) mentioned that her class has discussed having a STEM Day or a STEM club and Mrs Saunders

said that she is already working on this too. Also, Mr Burns is currently holding a STEM Computer Club for Years 3 and 4 and has already held a club for Years 5 and 6 this year.

9. HAS PLAYTIMES/LUNCHTIMES SURVEY BEEN ORGANISED?

Not yet! Year 5 and Year 6 Councillors will make a start on this with Mrs Saunders this Friday lunchtime.

10. A.O.B:

Year 1 No issues to raise

Year 2 Requested to have more after school clubs that are not Sport?
They suggested Ukulele Club and also having a KS1 choir. Year 2 also had holding an Art Day on their list of wishes but hopefully we will be holding an Art/DT Week before the end of the year. Max suggested having a Pokemon Battle Club/Day/Session, which had been raised before. Mrs Saunders suggested including this into one of our creative days. She will keep this on her list!

Year 3 Requested to have the same clubs across more than 1 day as some children cannot attend clubs on certain days. Mrs Saunders explained that we do not have enough staff or space to accommodate this request and so children will have to make decisions/choices. In Term 6, there are lots of school clubs planned and, at that time of year, there are often many more clubs available outside of school so children will have to make careful decisions/choices about what they wish to join in with.

Year 4 Had lots of great suggestions for fund raising: Stalls of various games with a charge of 50p to play; Bio-degradable water balloon fight; Create our own pantomime and charge people to watch it. All fabulous ideas which we will keep a note of if we need to help with the fundraising for the new Trim Trail.

Year 4 also raised that the boys in their class had requested to have more privacy at the urinals in the toilets. Mrs Saunders said that she totally understood the children's concerns around this and that this is something she will definitely look into. However, remodelling this area in the toilets will take lots of money as it may mean the whole room is remodelled again, however, Mrs Saunders will think about/investigate. In the meantime, boy can always use their toilet cubicles if they do not want to use the urinal.

Year 5 Suggested tidying up the pond area. Mrs Saunders told School Council that the school is recruiting a Caretaker for a few days a week and that this could be one of his jobs. If not it will definitely be something that Year 5 can help with. Year 5 also asked if we could repair/replace French boards around the outside of the school and this was added to the 'To Do List'. They also mentioned having new bird feeders. Mrs Saunders had already thought about this and will be ordering some new ones when we get our new budget in April. She will give the job of keeping the bird feeders full to one or two of the classes.

Year 5 also asked if KS2 could do another production or a Nativity at Christmas. Mrs Saunders said she will speak to the teachers about this and let everyone know soon.

Finally, Year 5 suggested having an Achievers Afternoon Tea. Mrs Saunders said no to this idea as this the weekly Achievers are celebrated in classrooms each week when the certificates are given out and having an Afternoon Tea for the Achievers would take the 'specialness' away from the Star of the Week Afternoon Tea.

Year 6 Requested a Dress Up Day - can be parent, can be teacher or any character of your choice. Mrs Saunders has decided to put this into the Diary for next term. Year 5 also requested a 'Breaking Rules' Day. They explained that a pre-agreed set of rules that could be broken would be written and then, on the Breaking Rules Day, if those rules are broken a small fine would need to be paid,

for example 50p. Mrs Saunders said that she liked the idea of this but that she would have a think about it.

Year 4's point about the toilets seem to raise a lot of issues around the toilets: Younger children feeling anxious about the older children talking to them in the toilets, busy times with too many children in the toilets at once, children looking over/under cubicles, privacy at urinals etc. Mrs Saunders is thinking about these issues and will discuss them with all of the children in a school assembly. She is going to consider how these issues can be best resolved and how anxieties can be reduced, and already has some plans that will be put in place later on this term and early next term. In the meantime, lunchtimes are still split into different time slots and she recommended that children use the toilets during this time in their slots when they should be less busy. Hopefully, during lesson time, the toilets should be fairly quiet with less children using them also.

Mrs L Saunders (Governor) thanked School Council for letting her visit the meeting today.

11. Date for next School Council Meeting:

The next school council meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 9:05am.

Mrs Saunders thanked the school councillors and Mrs L Saunders for attending the meeting and it was closed at 9:45am.