

COBHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 26/04/22

PRESENT: Mrs Saunders (Headteacher)
Mrs Kelly
Astrid & Sajjan
Max & Mollie (Absent)
Constance & Tom
LE & Poppy
Ishani & Sahib
Joshua & Stephanie

Apologies: Max and Mollie - Year 2

ITEMS DISCUSSED

This School Council meeting was chaired by Joshua and Stephanie, our amazing Year 6 councillors:

1. HAVE WE GOT A DATE IN THE DIARY FOR A DRESSING UP DAY?

A date for a dressing up day will be put into the Diary for next term because we have lots going on this term. Towards the end of Term 5 we will all be celebrating the Queens Jubilee and all the children will be taking part in art, craft and baking activities which will all go towards our school celebrations for the Jubilee.

2. CAN WE HAVE FOOTBALL NETS REPAIRED/REPLACED?

Mrs Saunders has already taken down the old football nets. The new budget is in the processing of being set and once that process is complete, the new nets will be ordered - hopefully by the end of next week.

3. HAS A 'LEGO DAY' GONE INTO THE DIARY?

A Lego afternoon has been put into the Diary for Friday 17th June. Can Councillors please ask their classes if any children would be able to bring their Lego or Duplo or any construction/building bricks into school for that afternoon

to share and use in class? Councillors to let Mrs Saunders know, at our next meeting, if any children have offered to bring their Lego/Duplo etc. in for that afternoon so that Mrs Saunders knows whether she will need to buy any.

4. ANY MORE NEWS ON ART/DT DAY?

There will be lots of arts and crafting activities and some baking for classes to take part in the week leading up to the Queen's Jubilee celebrations at the end of this term.

5. HAS PLAYTIME/LUNCHTIME SURVEY BEEN CREATED?

The survey has not yet been created. This is because our School Improvement Partner - Mr Jacobs - recently visited our school and had some questions about whether children at Cobham believed that bullying happened at our school and whether they felt that, if it did, that it was dealt with correctly and efficiently. Mrs Saunders put Mr Jacobs question to the School Councillors. This was their opinions on it:

Sahib - There are minor fall-outs on the playground but for the majority of the time everybody is really nice.

Ishani - Some people accidentally say things that hurt other people's feelings but I don't think it is deliberate.

Tom - Sometimes the teachers do not notice when people are being bullied. Mrs Saunders asked Tom if he was sure it was bullying and encouraged him to always tell a teacher when he sees this happening and, if necessary, tell a teacher privately so that no children see him reporting it if he feels nervous about this.

Constance - I think bullying could happen but I haven't seen it myself.

Steph - I know people who have been bullied inside and outside of school but those people do not want me to tell. Mrs Saunders said that, at some point, you have to make a decision to tell an adult as it is the right thing to do to help the people being bullied although it is not always an easy decision to make.

Josh - Some children act differently in front of adults in school, they are careful to not let the adults see them being mean.

Poppy - Some children can be unkind from time to time.

Mrs Saunders reminded Council of what bullying actually is - repeated behaviour with the intention to hurt or harm someone else. She reminded Council that there is a difference between people being grumpy or unkind when they are having a bad day now and again compared to bullying.

Mrs Saunders asked the School Council again if they thought there was a problem with bullying at Cobham in general and all of the children present didn't think there was.

Sahib offered Council some lovely advice: he said that if someone is unkind to him, he often 'kills the person with kindness'!

6. UKULELE CLUB & KS1 CHOIR?

KS1 Choir has already started. With regards to Ukulele Club, Mrs Saunders had not yet spoken to Miss Pretious. Steph said that KS2 were missing having a choir and suggested that perhaps some of the older children could help with KS1 Choir?

7. FURTHER THOUGHTS ON JUNIOR BOYS TOILETS?

Mrs Saunders is still considering the suggestion of additional cubicles in the junior boys' toilets. One suggestion was to have the cubicles totally enclosed but Mrs Saunders is concerned about the safety aspect of enclosed cubicles. If they were to get locked and not open, it would be difficult to get children out. Our toilets are actually very good compared to some other schools' facilities which some children discovered recently after a visit to another school! The best way forward with the toilets is still under consideration but Mrs Saunders is thinking about bringing Toilet Monitors back to make the younger children feel more at ease.

Ishani requested having some air fresheners in the toilets which Mrs Saunders will look into as we are unable to have aerosol sprays but we could have some

diffusers to make the toilets smell more pleasant! Mrs Saunders will talk about the toilets again in an assembly with the children.

8. CAN WE PURCHASE NEW BIRD FEEDERS YET AND WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING THESE FULL?

As soon as the budget is set, Mrs Saunders will purchase new bird feeders. She will give the job of keeping them filled to Y3 or Y4.

9. KS2 PRODUCTION/NATIVITY?

There will be a KS2 Production this year which will take place in Term 6. The venue has yet to be confirmed but will possibly be at Meopham Secondary School or if not it will be held here at Cobham. Venue to be confirmed!

10. CAN WE HAVE A 'BREAKING THE RULES DAY'?

Breaking the Rules Day will be taking place on Friday 6th May!

11 A.O.B:

Year 1 Requested more skipping ropes for their playground box and a new ball pump. They also asked if we could have new pens for using with the iPads and said that, when we purchase our new Trim Trail, could they include Monkey bars? Mrs Saunders reassured the Year 1 Councillors that, as soon as we have the money to purchase the new Trim Trail, all the children will be asked what they would like in it.

Year 2 Not at Council Meeting this time

Year 3 Nothing to raise this time

Year 4 Suggested having a Waterpark school trip and also requested to have coloured whiteboard pens. Mrs Saunders said that we are very busy, over the next two terms, with school trips and residentials and that many classes have already been on school trips this year. Years 4, 5, 6 are all going on residentials trips this term and next. Year 4 are going to Harry Potter world, Reception have been to Godstone Farm, Year 5 have been to the Science Museum and there

is a whole school walk to Jeskyns during Sports Week in term 6. She also said to Year 4 that, if they would like coloured whiteboard pens that this would need to come out of their class budget for equipment.

Year 5 Put forward more ideas for clubs: Ace Club, Basketball/Netball Club. They also suggested having a Dodgeball Tournament and a 'Ring the bell and Dance' day!

Year 6 Requested more Ace balls please.

11. Date for next School Council Meeting:

The next school council meeting will be Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 10:15am.

Mrs Saunders thanked the school councillors for attending the meeting and it was closed 10:35am.