

## COBHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 19/10/22

PRESENT:	Mrs Saunders (Headteacher)	
	Mrs Cresswell (Chair of Governors)	
	Max & Aliyah	Year 1
	Alex & Bethany	Year 2
	Callum & Mya	Year 3
	Sam & Rebecca	Year 4
	Hughey & Summer	Year 5
	Joseph & Alyssa	Year 6

Apologies: Alex and Bethany - class being observed

### ITEMS DISCUSSED

Mrs Saunders welcomed the new School Councillors to our first School Council meeting of the new academic year. Mrs Cresswell was introduced to the children as Chair of the Board of Governors.

Most of the Councillors were wearing their new "School Council" badges (awarded in an assembly last week) with pride. How School Council is run - primarily by the children - was explained to the new councillors. The importance of Ground Rules was also discussed and a set of Rules, for school council meetings, was agreed upon.

#### 1. Ground Rules:

It was decided that the following rules would be observed at all council meetings:

- Councillors put up their hands if they wish to speak and then speak in a confident and clear voice;
- Listen while others are speaking and support one another;

- Council should sit in a rectangular formation so that everyone can see each other;
- Everyone who puts their hand up will have a chance to speak; and
- These rules are not definitive and may be added to at later meetings.

## 2.Elections:

The Year 6 councillors put themselves forward for the roles of Chair and Vice Chair. The rest of the councillors happily agreed with Joseph and Alyssa taking these roles. Mrs Saunders suggested that, instead of having Chair and Vice Chair, we have two Chairs who could take turns to lead the meetings. Alyssa volunteered to Chair the rest of the meeting today.

## 3. A.O.B:

New issues raised at today's meeting:

### Year 1

No issues to raise this time

### Year 2

Unable to be at meeting today

### Year 3

Year 3 requested to have an 'Art Club' this school year. Mrs Saunders was able to inform School Council that Art Clubs has already been planned for after Christmas. There will be a club for KS1 and a club for KS2 that will be run by Ms Serantes and Miss Chiarletti. Year 3 also suggested having a 'Grandparents Day' which Mrs Saunders thought was a lovely idea. She will look in the Diary for a suitable date and suggested that perhaps we could offer tea and coffee as part of their visit too! Year 3 also explained that there is an issue with the hot water in the infant toilets. Mrs Saunders said that she would speak to Mrs Styles about getting a plumber to look into this. The next suggestion raised by Year 3 was around 'The Golden Mile' - they suggested the children doing this every term? Currently the children take part in The Golden Mile three times a year. Mrs Saunders conducted a straw poll of the Councillors to ascertain who would be in favour of having the Golden Mile six times a year and the majority were in favour. This suggestion will be put to the whole school in an assembly before a final decision is made. Finally, Year 3 suggested having another Prehistoric Day and asked if the Trim Trail and the Outdoor Classroom could be painted.

#### Year 4

No issues to raise at this time

#### Year 5

Year 5 suggested doing a whole school litter pick. Mrs Saunders said that we can do this and that she will also remind the classes in assembly of their school responsibilities. Year 5 also informed Council that they had spoken to Mrs Joshua about having a Times Tables Rock Stars Club and that (apparently!) Mrs Joshua is happy to run it. Mrs Saunders said that she will speak to Mrs Joshua to see if this can be organised. New nets are needed for the football goals and Mrs Saunders said that she will order some. Year 5 also suggested updating the tyre area on the field. Mrs Saunders said that, as we won't be using the tyre area now until next year, this is something we can look into in the Spring. Year 5's final suggestion was having a day when children donate a book or teddy for charity in exchange for wearing their own clothes. Mrs Saunders said that she would speak to the staff about this generous idea!

#### Year 6

Year 6 suggested holding some fundraising events such as: a charity football match on the field against other schools and a KS2 Bike Ride. They also suggested a whole school litter pick.

Mrs Saunders thanked the Councillors for all of their amazing suggestions and also reminded the Councillors to make sure they remind their teachers to allow them time to speak to their classes before a School Council Meeting. School Councillors are the children's voice.

Finally, Mrs Saunders wanted to speak to the Councillors about her assembly last Friday on how to keep ourselves safe and to remind children about the NSPCC's Pantasaurus and of the Childline number that children can ring for support at any time. Mrs Saunders said that she was still concerned about whether the children in every class knew enough about keeping safe. She asked School Council what their definition of a stranger was? Alyssa answered, "Someone who you have never seen or don't see much and you don't know much about them and they start talking to you." Mrs Saunders reminded the Councillors that, anyone you don't know that well or see much should be considered a stranger. You could also see somebody a lot but not actually know them. She asked how we can help, particularly our younger children, to understand that. Sam suggested using our TRUST values to help teach about it. Callum suggested creating a Powerpoint quiz to use in an assembly to help

children learn about keeping safe. Mrs Saunders thought these ideas were great suggestions as she feels we need to ensure that all children can work out who we know and who we can trust and to help them to make that difference. Mr Burns and Mrs Saunders will also do a joint assembly about E-Safety and keeping safe online early next term. Children must think about who they play with/game with and chat to online. Do they actually know these people?

5. Date for next School Council Meeting:

The next school council meeting will be on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 10:15am.

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