

School Council Executive Committee 2017 2018 Spring Update

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School Council update September 2017

The new school council has enjoyed getting into their roles and electing their executive committee. They are proving to be fantastic school council and are committed to achieving and organising many wonderful events within our school. Here are their successes so far:

Anti Bullying Week 2017 - All different, All equal.

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The School Council decided to produce a display for all the children to go into the hall giving the children of the school what they thought were the main messages from the policy for children to think about. It is a fantastic display with a very clear message.



Children in Need Day

The school council also organised the design a Pudsey competition for KS1 and design a book cover for Pudsey for KS2 . A big thank you to all of the children for taking part in the Children in Need fundraising that we held at school last week. We raised a magnificent total of £367.00 by wearing something spotty - and £146.00 from the Pudsey drawing/colouring competition. The School council delivered a whole school assembly to show the children why their support was important.

The Christmas Fair

The school council, House Captains and members of Year 6 took on a new role this year and assisted Miss Green with running of the junior gifts stall. Their people skills and knowledge of money proved to be a great success with the visitors to our school fair. They also took part in helping to sell names for the Teddy competition. All their efforts helped to contribute to the success of the Christmas fair. Miss Green was very proud!

Raising Money

During the meetings, the issue of raising money has been discussed. The school council members helped Mrs Willoughby to organise the Starlight clothes collection bags that helped to raise nearly £100 for school funds and date for September was arranged due to the success of the first clothes collection.

Governor Visit

The school Council had a visit from Lowton West Governor to discuss how they are having an impact on school life. It was really nice to meet the Governors and we hope to see them again soon.

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The representatives were keen to answer questions, discuss future ideas and tell us the impact their contributions have made and continue to make in school. Amongst other things they have helped to revise the anti-bullying policy. The idea of "Reading sheds" is a current suggestion. This will be an ambitious, costly project, but a brilliant idea. It demonstrates vision and the desire to promote the love of books and raise standards in literacy.

The planning and costing stages will be interesting and will involve pupils, staff, parents and hopefully some sponsorship or grant. The children were articulate and it is obvious they take their responsibilities seriously.

Thank you for the invitation and we look forward to our next visit.

Marie Blewitt (Vice Chair of Governors)

School Travel Plan

The School council have been working on achieving the Modestar Bronze award to create a school travel plan. They have been collecting data on how children travel to school in preparation for Walk to School Week in MAY 2018.

We now have a School Tavel Plan Page.

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The School Council are working towards Walk to School Week in May 2018.

In preparation for this event, they will be carrying out a survey of the classes in school to see how pupils and staff currently get to school and what would be their preferred method of transport.

We will publish the results as soon as the survey is completed and what actions the school council have to continue to encourage our school be healthy and conscious of the environment.

Next Steps

In the next few weeks, the School Council will be looking at suggestion boxes, Reading Sheds and Walk to School Week as a few of our priorities..... we will keep you updated.

Watch this space for more news later this term...

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