



School Council minutes – 21 December 2023

Attended by:

Louis, Callum, Indie, Thea, Ava, Gabriela, Jasper, Pearl, Felipe, Daisy, Toby, Holly

Agenda:

1. School pets
2. School Council suggestion box
3. Playground equipment
4. School rewards
5. Any other business (AOB)

1. School Pets

We discussed the variety of school pets that children had said they would like and shared with School Council. These were: a trained dog, guinea pigs, fish, iguana/lizard or turtle. Mrs Liversidge will look into habitats that they would need, food, care and cost and report back at the next meeting.

2. School council suggestion box

Mrs Liversidge explained what the suggestion box will be for. They are being delivered to her house today and Mrs Liversidge will make them for us to have in classrooms for the start of the new year or before if she can do them tonight! Each time School Council talk to their class, the children in the class can put their suggestions in the box. Each time we have a meeting, School Council will bring the box and go through the suggestions to only discuss the sensible or realistic ones. Mrs Liversidge gave some examples of suggestions that we could never do, such as build a swimming pool or have a zoo!

3. Playground equipment

School Council have requested a time out area for children to have some calm, quiet time, a running track, a long jump, pompoms, decorations for the playground, hula hoops, tennis, a climbing wall, a space for rugby, a trim trail, exercise equipment, a shelter to sit under and read in the summer, a mini golf course!

4. School rewards

Mrs Liversidge shared the results of the whole school survey about the rewards that children liked the most and motivated them to be safe, ready and respectful. The results were, in order of popularity:

1. Raffle tickets
2. Star of the day certificates (these are given out for 3 pupils a day in most classes, more in one class, 2 sometimes in two classes)
3. Phone calls home
4. Headteacher's stickers/Dojo points
5. Postcards home

Most classes said that would like to see team houses return to TJ so we will launch these again in the New Year and link to Dojo points. Each half term the winning house can have a rewards that can be decided by the children, coordinated by School Council.

We discussed how often we should have Celebration Assembly as some children said they would prefer it weekly, most preferred every other week and one class said they would prefer them monthly. We discussed how long the assemblies are and the children felt that they were a bit too long and took time out of their learning. School Council have suggested that each year group have their certificates together and we clap the year group together not separate children as this will save time. Also, another teacher can choose the raffle tickets while Mrs Liversidge does the certificates. We will start this in the New Year.

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No other business. The next meeting will be in Spring 1 - date to be confirmed.

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