

Meeting 1 - 2/11/23

Minutes

1) Badges

- The badges were given out to all the members of the new School Council

2) Meetings

- We talked about the fact that meetings will happen every half term
- As there had been no meeting before half term, there will be another school council meeting in December.
- We talked also about how the meetings worked and what agendas and minutes were.

3) Officers

The following Y4 children volunteered for officer roles

- Chair - William
- Vice Chair - Daisy
- Secretary - Annaiya
- Vice Secretary - Parker
- Treasurer - Theo
- We talked about all the roles and what they were for.

4) Class meetings

- We discussed that class meetings were very important and gave everyone in the class a chance to come up with ideas.
- We explained that class council meetings should happen in between School Council meetings.
- We talked about teachers helping the School Councillors to record ideas talked about in Class Council meetings in a notebook that they could then bring to School Council meetings.

5) What does the school council do?

- Giving children a say

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- Being realistic! Things we can do, things we can't do!
- Raising money for charity.

### 6) Goals?

- What children think....
  - lessons and learning
  - playtime
  - Football Code - this was an idea from last year's School Council that we will discuss next time.
- What is good about school and what could be better?

Children said they liked:

- They way the lessons let you get involved in nature - mini forest school
- How we learn how the lessons go and PE
- Like maths
- teachers are kind
- Can see friends and siblings at play and lunch time
- Using the ICT Suite
- Doing school plays
- Making friends
- Kids' club
- The big field
- How it is made - the building
- how people care for each other
- Everyone sticks together and there is less arguing now

Things we could improve:

- Skill swaps where people teach each other new skills
- Use the outside classroom more
- School dinners - too small
- See siblings more
- More playtime toys
- More learning and a bit less playtime
- Improving maths to help people who find it hard - (we talked about the fact we were doing that this year with White Rose Maths)
- Softer grounds - (we talked about the cost of replacing playgrounds with softer materials)
- Make the field flatter - (We talked about Moles and the sandy soil at The Firs and the cost of this but agreed it would be a good development if it were possible to do)

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- raising money for charity.

Children on the School Council suggested that the school support:

Food bank

Old people in Ampthill (2 people suggested this)

Barnardos

Charities supporting animals

7) Next Meeting - to be arranged in December 23