

School Council Meeting

21st October 2016, 2pm

Attendees:

Rights Respecting Group: Abeer (5P), Max (5A)

Enterprisers: Bailey (5P), Tianna (5A)

Junior Road Safety Officers: Nasir (5P), Sophia (5A)

International Ambassadors: Tammi (5P), Hayden (5A)

Eco Warriors: Haleem (5P), Hanu (5A)

Fair Traders: Simon (5P), Prisha (5A)

Mr Leeming, Ms Campbell, Ms Beanland, Mr Cassidy, Ms McEnroe (Minutes)

Item	Note	Action By
1.	Introductions The members of the council introduced themselves. Mr Leeming introduced Ms Beanland (Associate Governor) and Mr Cassidy (who may be a school governor in future) to the meeting.	
2.	Eco Warriors Update Hanu explained that the Eco Warriors had organised a duty rota to pick up litter which has been dropped in the playground and that this has been working well. Haleem explained that there is currently a competition to design a poster saying 'Please do not drop litter!'. Everyone who enters the competition will receive one melo. The children whose posters get displayed will earn three melos.	
3.	Fair Traders Update Prisha explained that the Fair Traders may be selling bags of Fair Trade chocolates at the Halloween Disco. There are also plans to have a 1950's style tea party for the staff in the Staff Room and Chelsea Pensioners may be invited. Simon and Prisha explained the meaning of 'Fair Trade'; some farmers of crops, such as chocolate and tea, are not paid fairly by companies and shops and cannot afford things like water and education. Simon explained that the Fair Traders had met two visitors from Ghana, who described their daily life. Their parents were not paid fairly in the past, but now they are benefitting from fairer trade and they are letting people know about their experiences.	

	<p>Prisha also explained that the Fair Traders had attended different workshops and tasted fair trade goods, such as 'Divine' chocolate.</p>	
4.	<p>Enterprisers Update</p> <p>Tianna explained that children from the school had designed bags for sale at North End Road Market. From lunchtime, the price was reduced from £1.50 to £1.00 to maximise profits.</p> <p>Bailey said that the Enterprisers run the stationery shop, selling items like pencils, pens and rubbers, with some items making a profit.</p> <p>Tianna said that there would be a bake sale and that money would go to charity, possibly to help people with dementia.</p>	
5.	<p>International Ambassadors Update</p> <p>Hayden said that there were plans to ask Mr Stevenson to play some more international songs.</p> <p>Tammi explained that there may be trips to taste international foods.</p> <p>Mr Leeming explained that the children sponsor a boy called Kagiso, who lives in South Africa, through a charity called 'World Vision'. Kagiso writes to Mr Leeming. Mr Leeming will give future letters he receives to the International Ambassadors to be read out at their meetings.</p> <p>Ms Campbell said that there were plans for Melcombe pupils to become pen pals with children at schools in other countries.</p> <p>Hayden said that there may be a school international talent show.</p>	
6.	<p>Junior Road Safety Officers Update</p> <p>Sophie explained that the JRSOs have had a meeting about sponsoring and saving money, and there were ideas, such as 'Walk to School Wednesday'. They have also written to the Police Department about doing a sponsored bike ride.</p> <p>Nasir explained that the JRSOs encourage walking to school and want to ensure that people are safe on the roads.</p> <p>Mr Leeming asked the JRSOs if they had any plans for the future.</p> <p>Nasir explained that they may be doing 'Lollipop Lady' work with Ms Murray.</p>	

	<p>Sophia explained that there were people parking on yellow lines near the school.</p> <p>Mr Leeming said that, in the past, children had fined people who did this.</p> <p>Ms Beanland suggested that this could be re-introduced.</p>	
7.	<p>Rights Respecting Group</p> <p>Max explained that the Rights Respecting Group had raised funds for Food Bank. The group also plans to sell Pudsey bears and ears to raise money for the Red Cross and Children in Need.</p> <p>Abeer explained that the Rights Respecting Group is particularly concerned with the rights of children around the world. Children can have rights to the same things, such as food, water and education, but they do not always receive these things. A poster will be made, during the break, about the sale of Pudsey ears and wristbands for Children in Need.</p>	
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>8.i Replacement of Council Members</p> <p>Simon asked about an International Ambassador leaving; if a member of the council leaves, will they be replaced?</p> <p>Mr Leeming confirmed that they would be replaced and asked for a description of the process of the selection of council members.</p> <p>Tianna explained that children had to think of a speech to persuade others why they should be on the council. The other children then had to decide who they wanted to represent them and vote for them. The votes were counted and those with the most votes were announced by the teacher to be the committee representatives; one boy and one girl.</p> <p>8.ii Progress of the Committees</p> <p>Mr Leeming said that the committees are doing a good job, improving on last year's committees.</p> <p>Ms Campbell said that it was great to see so many ideas. The Year 5s have been chosen to be council members this year as the Year 6s are busy being prefects.</p> <p>Mr Leeming said that he hopes to have another council meeting in December, for updates on the committees' work.</p> <p>Ms Campbell reminded council members that if they would like to request a meeting about any issues that come up, they can</p>	

	inform her about this. The meeting finished at 2:55pm	
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