



School Council Meeting 9th January 2025

Attended

Oliver, Connor, Jessica, Dhayne, Juan, Harry, Brandon, Olivia, Tanishka, Daiyan, Phoebe, Tanvi, Star, Yasmine, Oliver, Tija, Rose, Lyla-Mae, Zeynep, Nikil, Poppy, Amara-Rose, Ariana, Joshua, Aisha, Ezra, Harley, Azrah, Aditi, Olivia, David, Amazing, Ralph, Isla-Sue, Sebastian, James, Helena, Alya, Ethan, Arlo, Elijah, Benedict, Rogann, Evelyn, Stella, Reggie, Darcey, Christopher, Alishba, Violet, Isla-Rae, Mary-Lou, Luke, Sadit, Ethan, Balashri. Saanvi.

Christmas activity review

- The Council felt that all of the children enjoyed the Sleeping Beauty pantomime trip and would be keen to do this again next year. We talked about the story Dick Whittington and although few children had heard of it, they felt that it would be something that they would like to do again. We talked about possibly inviting the cast over before we go to see if they could tell us a little bit about the story so that we go prepared. Mr Gubbins will also ask all teachers to read the story of Dick Whittington to their classes.
- Children enjoyed the church service at St James' and liked taking part in the Christmas tree festival. They were disappointed that we did not win a prize.
- Following on from the issues raised at the last Council meeting, Year 1 and 2 children were really happy with the inflatable reindeer and gingerbread man in the rear playground.

Relaunch of new playground buddies

- As we move into Spring term, we need a new team of Playground buddies to replace our 'retired' autumn term buddies. For year 1 we have: Star, Oliver N, Tija and Oliver T. For Year 2 we have: David, Evelyn, Isla-Rae and Reggie.

Visits to Early Years: Safeguarding

- Violet and Ethan W will visit Angelfish next week to talk to the children about staying safe in school, at home and online.
- Christopher and Mary-Lou will visit Seahorses.

World Book Day – 6th March 2025

- Although the children enjoyed the 'Walk for Reading' event last year, this year the Council would like to try something different. We spoke about a number of different ideas. The children want to come to school dressed as a character from one of their favourite stories – they do not want a whole school theme as we tried a few years ago. The Council have asked if we can get a 'professional' storyteller in. They also liked the idea of having a school book fayre. We talked about the library in Poole and not a lot of children know where it is, so they would also like to arrange a trip to Poole library. Some council members also thought that it would be a good idea to bring in your favourite book to share with a friend on world book day.

Playground

- The council talked about football being the favourite activity in the playground, but also note that a lot of children get upset when they don't win. This is also a game where there is a lot

of arguing and falling-out. The council asked if we could introduce dodgeball some days as an alternative to football.

- The children enjoy working with the Sports Coaches on their different activities on the 3 lunchtime clubs a week.
- In terms of resources, children like the colouring in table and construction table. Ethan W asked if we could get some cars/hot wheels to play with.
- Star suggested some music for dancing. There were suggestions of party games like 'Pass the parcel' or 'Musical chairs'.
- The council also suggested ideas as to how we could enhance the indoor environment. Some members thought that some tiny couches in the classroom (for reading areas) would be nice. Other members asked if we could get some arcade games and have a special reward/computer area.

Next meeting in early Spring 2