

School Council – minutes of Wednesday 14 November 2018 meeting

All reps attended the meeting except one (who is absent from school). Minutes are based on notes taken by Lily.

1. Rights Respecting School

- We have just learnt that we have achieved the RRSA Gold Award – well done everyone! School Council oversees our Rights Respecting Schools work. Reps can tell their classes about Gold Award.
- Mr Snowdon gave out copies of the new RRSA Priorities for 2018-19. This is a list of ways to make sure we carry on being a Rights Respecting School beyond Gold Award. It includes having a strong School Council that influences decision-making plus a good Eco Group.

2. Feedback on rewards systems

- There was positive feedback from reps on the new way of tracking House Points and having half-term rewards. Last time it was a non-uniform day for the winning house and it will be the same again in December. This is a popular reward.
- We agreed to ask Miss Quinn for the reward for Jan/Feb to be an extended break (so form time becomes an extra break one day). Helena will check this.
- Mr Bennett is asked to announce the weekly house points totals in assemblies every week, so that all pupils know how each house is doing.
- Y7 and Y8 reps felt that KS3 pupils would still like some sort of new or separate rewards system, as they're not as motivated by house points as younger pupils. To be discussed again next term.

3. Food

- Norman reps met with Mrs Lee, catering manager, yesterday and they fed back a number of good results from the discussion. One change is that there will be a £3 meal deal including a drink. Notices have already gone up around school to tell pupils.
- Mrs Lee also agreed to put copies of menus in registers. Mrs Hewitt has laminated them and they have been handed out to form teachers. School Council reps are responsible for putting the menus up in form classrooms and changing them each week so the correct week – on a 3-week rotation – is visible.
- Mrs Lee also agreed with the idea of theme days, but said that reps will need to tell her when something is coming up that could have a themed lunch.

4. Cycling/bikes

The next step is producing a survey for pupils. This is to find out levels of interest in being able to cycle to school. A number of reps will go to the ICT room next Tuesday form time to finish preparing the survey.

5. Fundraising/community/campaigning

- Y8 and Y7 reps are running the stalls/activities this Friday for Children in Need. They will tell pupils about bringing some money in for this. It's also a non-uniform day for everyone, with £1 donations.
- Thank you to everyone who has helped with two community initiatives: Harvest Festival and Shoe Share. We agreed that both will be good to do again next year.
- Campaigning: this year's Outright project, run by Unicef UK, is about clean air and pollution. Mr Wainwright is helping oversee it and all PSHE classes are doing lessons, which lead to sending campaign postcards to the minister for the environment.

6. Safety of locker areas and corridors

A discussion about this was in many ways positive, while identifying a few things that could be improved. Some suggestions were made for improvements, especially to do with managing locker areas. We didn't have time to make decisions, so this will be on the agenda for next time.

7. Reporting back from School Council

Reps who volunteered to help with feedback assemblies should go to the ICT room next Tuesday form time to prepare something. The assemblies will be in December. The same goes for our display board volunteers – please go to the ICT room on Tuesday.