

School Council meeting on Tuesday 5th February 2019

Thanks to Lily for help with the minutes.

1) Progress reports:

- Several school council reps helped deliver KS2 and KS3 feedback assemblies (about School Council and recent discussions and decisions) this week. Thank you to Lily, George, Katherine, Oliver, Kieron, Sophia and William.
- Three reps (Lily, Caitlin, Oliver) reported back to the school governors last week and answered questions about School Council and RRSA.
- The new water cooler/fountain has been installed today. The OMS water bottles are being distributed this week by Eco Group members.
- New footballs and basketballs are being distributed to form classes. In Y8 the sports captains look after them; in other year groups the School Council reps are responsible.
- Anna, Evie and Helen will discuss the photos proposal with Mr Snowdon (for every form classroom to have pictures of form teacher plus school council reps on the door).
- William and Sophia will finish and print off the cycling survey next Tuesday form time.
- Helen and Katherine will follow up the earlier discussion about the library and reading room with Miss Quinn.
- School Council reps are reminded to wear their badges every day!

2) Group discussion about school routines by Norman reps identified 3 priorities:

- Y5 and Y6 reps will speak to their heads of year about ideas for managing the locker areas at the start of the school day, to help ensure they are as calm, safe and orderly as possible.
- Lily and Helena will talk to Mr Bennett about ideas for returning mobile phones to pupils at the end of each day. Having a separate box for each year group was discussed (to speed up collecting the phones). It was also suggested to use calculator-style boxes for storing them.
- It was agreed to ask if school council reps (those who travel to and from school on the bus) can help with bus voice.

3) Group discussion about yard, sports and quad equipment by Saxon reps identified 3 priorities:

- School Council reps will ask their classes for any suggestions for possible sports or play equipment for the yard areas. It was suggested that there could be a policy of signing sports equipment in and out to help look after it.

- We talked about getting new benches and seats for the quad. If Mr Bennett thinks it is worth following up, we will look into what is available.

- There was discussion with Mrs Clark about possibly growing more vegetables in the garden. Discuss this with Eco Group.

4) Group discussion about fundraising by Roman reps identified 3 priorities:

- It was felt that Newcastle People's Kitchen for homeless people would be a very good local charity to raise funds for. Someone from the charity is coming in next week to deliver an assembly.

- There was discussion about making sure the Sponsored Walk happens this year, even if not everyone together at the same time, and about what charities each year group could raise funds for.

- The Romans group wondered whether fundraising can be done for new computers (in response to some recent problems).

We will return to the 3 topics discussed by groups in our next School Council meeting – on Tuesday 5 March – and see what progress is being made.