

## School Council – Wednesday 22 May 2019

Y7 France trip and Y8 exams had an impact on attendance, but we still had 14 reps present.

1. A number of Year 5 reps are using Tuesday form time slots, with Mrs Cousin, to prepare an assembly on prejudice and discrimination – inspired by the Anne Frank Trust’s visit – for KS2 assembly on **Tuesday 18 June**.
2. We will prepare feedback assemblies – outlining what School Council has done – for **Key Stage 3 on Monday 24 June and for Key Stage 2 on Tuesday 25 June**.  
KS3: Katherine, Harry, Lily, Rhiannon. KS2: Sophie, William, Kieron, Olivia. We will use Tuesday form times in the ICT Suite to work on these.
3. Year 5 reps will ask about having some time in Transfer Day on **Tuesday 2 July** for delivering some info on School Council to the new intake of Year 4 pupils.
4. A number of Y8 School Council reps – Lily, Caitlin, Abel – helped with the recent interview day which led to the school appointing a new member of staff for the school office.
5. There was an update on the welcome board for the Ovingham Community Orchard, which is being created by the school’s Eco Group.
6. The Sponsored Walk will hopefully happen on **Friday 28 June**, but it is not confirmed. This is because we need to make sure there are enough staff who can take part. We came up with a shortlist of charities for pupils to vote on if the walk goes ahead. Either each class or each year group will have its own chosen charity, with school council reps overseeing the voting. The shortlist: RSPCA, Dementia UK, Tynedale Hospice, West End Food Bank, Unicef UK and Water Aid.
7. We discussed how School Council will work in 2019-20 school year.
  - There will be just 4 reps per year (instead of 6), except Year 8 where all the 6 House Captains will be involved. It will be 2 girls and 2 boys.
  - Voting will be in year group assemblies in September, with candidates making a short speech. Campaigning, e.g. posters around school, will be allowed for one week beforehand.
  - We will have a Suggestions Box in each year group, possibly each class in KS3.
  - After each meeting, the reps should report back to the next year group assembly.
  - Reps will also be responsible for sharing Right of the Week in form classes, updating any school council-related notices in classrooms, and helping with Bus Voice.

8. Mr Bennett attended the last 20 minutes of the meeting.
  - We discussed the new menu for school lunches, which incorporates some ideas passed on by school council reps, and a number of other suggestions for changes in school.
  - Mr Bennett will look at concerns raised about paving stones near the Y6/7 doors.
  - Mr Bennett will look into whether the prices for fruit can be reduced at break and lunch times to encourage healthy eating.
  - Mr Bennett will investigate if there can be ball racks for looking after the class footballs and basketballs (and also see if he can dig out the old school bell for use when pupils are on the field!).
  - A number of others ideas and suggestions were raised in the meeting, to return to next time.
  
9. The next meeting is on Wednesday 12 June (lesson 3, Room 8) and then the final meeting of the year is on Friday 5 July (lesson 1, Room 8). Issues to discuss on 12 June include: feedback on the new summer menu and possible theme days for lunch; possibility of cycle racks, new yard equipment and (for Y6/7 yard) table tennis tables; phones issues (storing them during the day and the question of whether to allow them on residential); deciding what a house captain's responsibilities ought to be.