

## **Minutes of School Council meeting on Friday 5 July 2019**

The meeting was a review/evaluation of what School Council has discussed and done this year. It also identified points for developing from September onwards. These will be the basis of the new School Council's first meeting in September 2019, which will create an action plan for the year ahead.

### **What We Did (and what went well) in 2018-19:**

- Contributed to the anti-bullying consultation
- Helped get water bottles for every pupil and a new water fountain
- Y5 reps worked with the Anne Frank Trust on dealing with prejudice and discrimination
- Made links with Ovingham Community Orchard including the logo competition
- Supported community initiatives like donating food to the soup kitchen and the harvest festival
- Contributed to getting the RRSA gold award in October
- Introduced right of the week
- Y8 reps gave a lead with the Question Time panel of councillors in local democracy week
- Chose the shortlisted charities for the sponsored walk
- Y7 and Y8 reps ran the Children in Need activities to raise funds
- Did the carol readings in the carol services
- Did feedback assemblies on School Council at two stages of the year
- Y7 reps took part in the Pupil Voice day with pupils from other local schools
- Oversaw every form class getting a class football and basketball
- Helped with appointing a new member of staff (office assistant)
- Began looking into possibilities for children cycling safely to school
- Shared suggestions that went towards the summer menu for lunch times
- Discussed ideas about various school issues

### **Plans for 2019-20:**

#### **Fundraising:**

- Make sure everyone gets a vote on the charities for the sponsored walk (only Y5 and Y8 had full votes this year)
- Have Year 7 and 8 school council reps running Children in Need stalls again
- Give Year 5 and 6 school council reps council the chance to help with the Macmillan coffee morning,
- Investigate if next year's Year 6 could raise more money for the Tynedale hospice

**Wider community:**

- Develop a stronger link with our neighbouring care home
- Further develop links with the community orchard
- Sustain eco initiatives like soup share and harvest festival
- Hopefully introduce cycling to school (will need safe routes and a bike shelter)
- Meet with members of the parish councils to discuss local safety issues

**Rights Respecting School:**

- See if further work can be done with Anne Frank Trust on our Rights Respecting Schools agenda
- Ask form teachers to share Right of the Week in form time
- Expand Local Democracy Week event to Year 7 as well as Year 8

**Communications:**

- Look into making a school newsletter/newspaper that others could help with
- Have media reps who see if we can get OMS success stories into the Hexham Courant more
- Feedback on School Council to happen during year group assemblies
- Photos of school council reps should go on the wall with the house captains, etc
- Have 2-3 meetings a year in the ICT suite to work on assemblies, website news, display board etc

**Other areas:**

- School council reps could give new or prospective pupils tours of the school
- Involve reps in the student panel for any new appointments
- Have a rack for the footballs and basketballs when they're not in use - a rack for each year group
- Discuss further menu options and lunch theme days with the kitchen staff

These minutes will be printed and handed out to everyone at the first School Council of 2019-20 in September to discuss the way forward.