

# UNCRC Article 12: Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.

# Bourne Abbey C of E Primary Academy Student Council Minutes of Meeting held on 05.11.21.

"How have we been using our God Given Talents?"



## Distribution.

All Classes, Senior Leadership Team (SLT), Mrs Anderson (Co-ordinator), Mrs Bates, Mrs King, Mrs Davey (BEPPA), Mrs Helliwell (CSW)

#### Present.

Mrs Anderson, Councillors (see register.)

#### 1. Apologies and welcome.

Mrs Anderson opened the meeting and welcomed all.

Congratulations to everyone for being prompt!! It means we get a lot more achieved in the time we have. Thank you to those children who missed Golden Time as well.

### 2. Review of last meeting's minutes/class meetings

Not all councillors had their minutes; there seems to have been a mix up with distribution. Sam and Mikayla will take everyone a hard copy of these minutes and hand directly to the councillors.

Most councillors had held their meetings successfully and those that hadn't were given some top tips for next week.

Buddy lists and copies of the Student Council Constitution were handed out for councillors to stick in their books.

#### 3. Ideas for supporting Children in Need.

Ideas generated from class meetings:

pyjama day, dress as your favourite person, bring your teddy to school/teddy bear's picnic, running a marathon, fitness activities, bake sale, dress in just 4 colours, dress up your teacher, dress in spots, dress in stripes.

Council voted in favour of having a dress-up pyjama day with a School Marathon to raise money. Each class will run an Abbey Mile so that they will collectively have run a marathon! Donations can be made online in order to dress up and take part.

### 4. Charity aims for the year.

Council produced a long list of charities their classes had expressed a desire to raise money for. These were narrowed down to Don't lose hope (local), Salvation Army (Christian) and Cancer Research (National). We hope to include fundraising for these charities along with Save the Children (Christmas Jumper Day), Comic Relief (National) and Friends of Nyansakia (Africa) later in the year.

We also took note of suggestions for targets for fundraising and decided that £1000 was a reasonable compromise to aim for. Some classes were ambitious at £10,000 and some were cautious at £100, £300 and £500 so we chose an achievable target based on recent years' fundraising totals.

We also talked about the drop in donations since the move to online contributions and decided that we need to do more publicity each time we hold a fundraiser so that more parents and carers are aware of how to donate.

#### 5. School improvement aims for the year.





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A full list of suggestions follows – minus the issues that were year-group specific or had already been dealt with in recent years. These were explained by Mrs A so that councillors could explain to their classes if necessary.

#### WE WOULD LIKE:

A school newspaper, forest school, benches in the playground, comfy benches, a dip in the prize box if you get Golden Book, library access at all times, warmer radiators, better chairs to sit on, table tennis/air hockey tables in the playground, more rock wrangles on TTRS, more sports competitions, upgrade the Y3/4 trim trail, bring back Fruity Friday, bring back the Abbey Mile, eat lunch outside in the warmer weather, Y5/6 can we have catch-up swimming lessons? school dance, coffee machines for teachers (!), sort the dips in the floor under the play equipment, widen the Manning Road entrance, chalk for the monkey bars, bins near the astro, netting over the astro, benches on the astro and ARE WE ALLOWED TO PLAY FOOTBALL ON THE PLAYGROUND OR NOT???!!!

All ideas were recorded and we will seek a meeting with Mrs Buttress and Mrs Moore to see which of these requests are feasible. Then an action plan will be drawn up ©

Mrs Anderson thanked all councillors, reminded them to hold their meetings EARLY NEXT WEEK and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 2.00pm

#### **ACTION LOG:**

#### **Class Meeting Agenda:**

- 1. Talk to your class about what happened in our meeting; read the important parts of these minutes.
- 2. Talk to your class about what we have decided to do for Children in Need decide as a class where and when you want to run your mile.
- 3. Ask your class what they would like to do to raise money for Don't lose hope. Write your ideas down.
- 4. Ask your class if they have any strong feelings about the school improvement ideas and write those down too.

Remember, if you are having trouble leading your meeting, ask your teacher or your buddy to help you ©

