



"Using our God-Given Talents"



**Bourne Abbey C of E Primary Academy**  
**Student Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting 6 - held on 19.06.24.**

**Distribution:**

All Classes, Senior Leadership Team (SLT), Mrs Anderson (Co-ordinator), Mrs Bates, Mrs Parsons, Ms Davey (BEPPA), Mrs Jordan (CSW), PTFA, Mr Pateman.

**Present:**

Mrs Anderson, Mrs Austin, Councillors (see register)

**1. Apologies and welcome:**

Mrs Anderson opened the meeting and welcomed all.

**2. Meeting Feedback:**

Those classes who had held their class meetings asked the question: "Why is it important to show empathy?" There were lots of lovely responses that Caelan has typed up for us on the attached document. This will be put on the Student Council display board for everyone to read.

School improvement ideas are as follows:

- Chalk for the monkey bars **Already given to Y5 and Y6 classes, check your teacher's cupboards! Mrs A has 2 more blocks if necessary.**
- Softer balls for the playground so that children don't get hurt by flying balls. When children bring in their own balls, these are sometimes harder than we would usually have in school; if we had softer balls provided, we could stop children bringing in their own. **Ask Mrs Cherry to ask whoever orders the playground equipment to consider this next time please.**
- Many classes complained that their play leaders don't organise games. **Could all class teachers ask their Play Leaders to organise one game per outdoor session. Also check whether there is a reason behind the lack of organised games.**
- Could Mr Pateman check the artificial grass where the outdoor gym equipment is please? There are complaints that it isn't safe. **Mrs A will write in Mr P's job book.**
- Could the walls of the astro be repaired please and possibly painted over? **Another request for Mr P's job book!**
- School dinners: there are occasions where KS1 children have bigger plates/portion sizes than the older children. It was noted that this leads to food waste and is also unfair on the children who eat last as there is often less



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food for them by the time it's their turn. **Councillors were asked to use their persuasive writing techniques and put this in writing so that Mrs A can negotiate with the lunch time servers. All children are asked to report to their midday assistant and their teacher when they are left hungry or consider their portion size to be too small.**

- We also had a discussion about basketball hoops. The basketball hoops that were in the KS2 playground have been broken by people swinging on them. KS1 children still have their hoops as they don't swing on them. Should children still require basketball hoops in September, then a fundraising activity may be considered. However, there would have to be strict rules in place to ensure everyone's health and safety – and the survival of the hoops. **In the meantime, children are reminded that there are hoops attached to the wall in the quiet area – they can ask their teachers if they can play there with adult supervision.**
- KS1 require more hoops and balls, however, there appears to be lots of these in the shed. **Ask your teacher to get balls and hoops out of the shed.**
- KS1 also asked for more plants and flowers. **If the class who asked for this could let Mrs A know, she can arrange a tour of school with Mr Pateman so that he can show you all of the plants and flowers we have in school!**
- There was also a request for better toilets in KS1, **Mrs A will check the schedule of works and let you know when this is likely to happen.**

### **3. Bench update:**

We had asked classes to vote on whether they would prefer two long benches or one circular one around a tree. The votes came in as follows:

3F voted for the two straight benches

4D, 4A, 3D, 2AR and 5W voted for the tree bench.

Other classes had either forgotten or not taken a vote.

It was therefore declared the tree bench to be the favourite and Mrs A will order it ASAP!

**4. Nyansakia Day:** classes are asked to think about the activity they wish to do on Nyansakia Day and to let Mrs A know by email please.


### **5. Any Other Business:**

UNICEF ambassadors are putting together a short film to explain what being a Rights Respecting School means to us at Bourne Abbey. Any ideas and contributions welcome at the next meeting please!



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Meeting closed at 2:30pm  
Next meeting proposed date Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
@1:30pm in the library.

### Class Meeting Agenda:

1. Thank your class for their response to the last character education question.

Ask the new one:

**"Which character trait have you enjoyed thinking about the most, and what have you learned from our character trait focus each term?"**

2. Decide what your class/year group is going to do to raise funds for Nyansakia - ask your teacher to email Mrs Anderson.

3. Any school improvement ideas (please check your suggestion box and select three ideas to bring to the next meeting.)

Remember, if you are having trouble leading your meeting, ask your teacher to help; they will contact your buddy who will come and help you 😊

Action log: check anything in bold in these minutes and act if you need to!!



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