



Minutes of the School Council Meetings held on 3rd and 4th February, 2021

This meeting was held in two parts. The first meeting socially distanced outside, and the second remotely via Teams.

Wednesday 3rd February 2021 – Socially distanced on the playground

Reception Class – Zara and Jack

Year 1 – Austin

Year 2 – Merryn and Leo

Year 3 – Charlotte

Year 4/5 – Ellis (absent)

Martyn Scott – Well Being Governor (MS)

Joy Russell – Senior Leader (JR)

The children were welcomed as new school council representatives and introduced to MS. The children discussed their understanding of Well Being. We talked to the children about feelings and how we know how we feel.

We asked the children the following questions and these were their responses:

1. How are the children who are in school feeling?

The children said that they felt happy and the children who were in their bubbles are happy too. Some of the children referred to colour monster and expressed their feelings through colour.

2. Do they feel safe at school?

The children said they felt safe and were happy being with their teachers. We discussed the fact that this week is Children's Mental Health Week and that as a group we would like to talk about how we feel and how to express ourselves. The children shared some activities that teachers have been doing in class, sharing stories, Teams Class Meetings, using Well Being checklists, Activities for Promoting Mental Health booklets, sharing the BAFTA kids virtual assembly.

3. What do you like to do to express yourself?

Play games, football, dance, sing, draw, colour in, bake cakes, plant vegetables.

4. Why is it important to have a break from a screen when you are working with grown-ups at home?

"My mum makes me go for a walk" – but why might your mum think this is a good idea?

5. What food do you like to eat to make you feel good?

The children began to list healthy foods and we talked about some food choices like chocolate and cake being nice for a treat but not to eat with every meal. "It can be bad for your heart" – The children discussed keeping healthy.

6. Why is exercise important?

The children discussed the importance of exercise on their bodies and how a healthy body could help us have a healthy mind.

7. What would children like in school?

A child suggested that we set up the play boxes again, to include hula hoops, skipping ropes, cones etc for each bubble to play with at break times.

JR to organise these boxes.

8. What are you enjoying about your home learning/school learning?

We are enjoying the TT Rockstars competition, the Bake-Off challenge, Teams Meeting with children at home.

Thursday 4th February 2021 – Held remotely on Teams

Year 3 – Seth

Year 4/5 Austin

Year 6 - Hollie

Martyn Scott – Well Being Governor (MS)

Joy Russell – Senior Leader (JR)

The children were welcomed as new school council representatives and introduced to MS. We asked the children the following questions and these were their responses:

1. What is working well at home?

The children said they can get on with their work at their own pace.

2. What are they finding trickier to do at home?

This was mainly writing tasks around staying focused and writing at length.

3. How do you express yourself?

Drawing, baking, making 3D models, reading

4. Are you getting breaks in the day and what do you do?

The children said they get their work done and go for a walk or make time to read for fun.

5. Do you and your classmates have all the technology you need at home?

Children said they felt they had what they needed and knew that if they needed to share, they could get on with their work in the paper packs.

6. Have paper packs helped you?

Yes, the paper packs have given us a break from the screen.

7. What are you missing about school?

The children said they are missing their friends, but they are interacting with their teachers, classmates on Teams and they have chance to contact their friends in their free time using FaceTime etc.

8. Are you looking forward to coming back to school?

The children said they are because they have missed their friends and teachers and they will find the days quite long. JR suggested that we build in an afternoon break for KS2 to give them a brain break. This was welcomed by the children. One of the children stated they were looking forward to seeing the new toilets in school as they had had an input in their design.

9. If you're worried about anything to do with school who could you talk to?

The children all felt that there was a 'trusted' adult in school that they could talk to about any problems.

10. Is there anything else you would like to do in school or at home?

The children said they are enjoying the baking competition; they have ideas for the reading competition and the suggestion was made that March's challenge should be a gardening challenge like 'grow a sunflower' and this could be revisited in the summer months when we reflect on this academic year.

We ended the meeting with thanking all of the children for their amazing ideas and contributions and thanked them for representing their classes so well.