

School Council minutes

25/04/19

KINDNESS AND RESPECT MEETING

Apologies: IC	Absent:	Briefers: Mrs Hicks
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1. Anti-Bullying week

As anti-bullying week is here, we wanted to focus our meeting on how we can really start making a difference to whole school attitudes and behaviour. We talked about how the only way to flush out bullying and negative behaviour is to flood our school with kindness and positivity!

Our ideas included:

- Read and share books with stories that focus on kindness and friendship
- Teachers could award children with 'Kindness Stickers'
- A whole school 'Kindness poster' competition (similar to the 'walk don't run' campaign)
- Create a compliments/kindness display

Councillors put their heads together, and after a few different ideas were explored, they decided that a 'Compliments Cake' display would be the best. The idea is that children write compliments, kind thoughts and positive comments about each other on pieces of paper shaped as strawberries and decorate a giant cake with them. Our year 6 councillors were happy to be responsible for creating the strawberries, keeping them stocked up and checking the board every day to make sure that it is looking good.

2. Being kind and Caring

Over the past few weeks council members have been gathering ideas of things that we could buy to improve our school.

One of the most popular ideas from both key stage one and two is a **'Buddy Bench'**.

A Buddy Bench is a seat that children can sit on at playtime when they are feeling lonely and need a friend. Other children can help by going and sitting with them or including them in their game.

Ideas for fundraising for this bench include:

- An after-school cake sale
- Another event like the Maya Market that was hosted by Sapphire class
- A smoothie stall

We will be meeting again this week to talk about the 'Compliments Cake' display and the launch assembly. We will also be looking at how we can start organising some of our fundraising events for the Buddy Bench. If you have any ideas or would like to help in any way, please see your class representative.