

Minutes

Parent Council Meeting

DATE

June 18th 2024

TIME

16.30

ATTENDEES

H. Owen, C.Bou Aziz, J. Wood, and K.Morgan

APOLOGIES

, A. Khahlid and L. Baker

AGENDA ITEMS:

Presentation and guest speaker – on PHSE

PHSE coordinator attended the meeting and gave a very detailed overview of PHSE provision at school, illustrating what the children learn throughout their journey. PHSE is split into different themes which are taught across the year groups. The themes are health and well-being (relationships – partners, families, friendships), puberty which is currently introduced in year 5 and living in the real world (managing money, being an active citizen etc). Online safety is taught across all year groups and the curriculum for PHSE is on the website so parents can see what their children are learning. In preparation for the general election the older year groups will be having their own mini elections and they will be given a children's version of the electoral manifestos of the various competing parties, they will then do a mini votes. The election will be used in different ways with the younger year groups and this is a great example of the embedding of British values into the curriculum, such as democracy and freedom of speech.

We also had a talk on the citizenship awards program which provides children with the opportunity to get a bronze award in year 3, silver in year 4 and gold in year 5. The things which the children have to do to get the award and linked to the values of the school such as respect, ambition etc and they also promote the values of active citizenship from compassion in year 3 to actively working in the community with initiatives such as litter picking in year 5 to collect a gold award. To facilitate the process teachers work with the children and the children provide evidence with a journal. If they complete all the tasks they are given the award and a badge, if they do not complete it in the year group they can continue working towards it as they go up into the next year. This is a fantastic initiative to build life skills and confidence with the children and could lead onto the Duke Of Edinburgh award scheme at high school.

We were updated about the school council which is democratically elected with years 3,4,5 and 6. The children have made “fantastic suggestions” about how to improve school life and also worked closely on anti-bullying initiatives and done some excellent pupil voice research. The council members have done presentations in assemblies and also helped to change/develop aspects of PHSE and participate in first aid training.

UPDATES:

The preparation for 50th anniversary celebrations is underway and children will be set projects over the summer which link to the theme of the 50th anniversary celebration.

We discussed the parent council focus for next academic year and we would really like more visits from members of staff in school to see how different areas of school life work, more information on SATS and how they are facilitated and also used in terms of next steps as well as looking at learner voice.

Parent council members have been asked to contribute to newsletters more regularly and the first contribution will be in the end of term/year news letter.

Parent council members have been asked if they have any time to be at the open event on the 10th July to speak to parents about the parent council and try and recruit members.

Dates will be set for the new academic year and the discussion indicated that Tuesdays are still a good time to have the meetings for the group.