

# School Council Meeting



DATE: 20/1/20

PUPILS PRESENT			STAFF PRESENT	
EA	CB	HC		
HE	BG	BJ	Lee Thompson	Nick Riggs
LN	AS	LS	Nick Leng	Rachel Lilford
RT				

## OUTCOMES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### *School Meals*

A member of the ISS team had attended a meeting in school and following this the number of fish fingers served had increased from two to four. The number of sandwiches per portion had also increased and bread is now available every day. A follow-on meeting had taken place today and it had been agreed that oily fish will be served every three weeks. Cutlery was also mentioned. Lee told the group that this is an example of how all things raised by the school council are followed through.

### *Fundraising*

A certificate and letter had been received in response to the £116.70 raised by the pupils for Children In Need and this had been posted on Twitter. Thanks were given to Nick R for organising the fundraiser and to all who had taken part.

### *London Visit*

- i The annual London visit is due to take place on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. The council members were told that if they had already taken part in a previous visit they would not be eligible to take part in this one, to give everyone the opportunity to go. In response to a question it was explained why this is a fair process. No-one has to take part if they do not wish to. Six pupils will go on the visit and they will leave Hull on the 6:30am train. There will be a tour of the Houses of Parliament (including the House of Commons and the House of Lords) and there may be the opportunity to observe a session, if one is taking place. There will be reward time in the afternoon when the pupils could, for example, watch a West End show, take a river cruise, ride the London Eye, see a film at the 4D cinema etc. Each visit is unique. Once the names of the participants have been drawn there will be a discussion of what to do in the afternoon. The school and the resi council members are eligible to participate.
- ii It was suggested that some parents might be concerned about their child visiting London.
- iii The group was told the timings for the day: arrival in London at 9:30am and departing at around 6:30pm. The only cost of the event to the pupils would be a £15:00 contribution for an evening meal. There was a query as to whether pupils

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could bring their own food instead of buying an evening meal and the response was yes, but they would then have to carry their lunch and their evening meal around with them.

- iv It was queried whether there was a time set for the Parliament visit and the group was told that there isn't yet.
- v The group was told that anyone who has attended a council meeting is eligible for selection. Four staff members will accompany the visit and they will also have attended a school or resi council meeting. All names will be put in a hat following the resi council meeting at the end of next week. Activities will be discussed after the selection.

## *Keyworker Sessions*

- i On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1:1 keyworker sessions will take place in the afternoon. In answer to a question about a pupil not having an allocated keyworker the group was told that one will be arranged.
- ii The group was informed that in the paperwork there is a question about what pupils would like to see in terms of the wider life of the school. Pupils may give suggestions on their form. There is a question aimed at KS4 re support and advice post 16 (college, carers etc.,) and the group was told that anyone can enter any questions they may have.

## *Night Challenge*

The night challenge is due to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> March. It was explained that one team takes part and the challenge begins at 6:30pm. The challenge involves orienteering in the dark for 7 - 8 hours; it is physically and emotionally hard work and is not for everyone. Alex S was previously the youngest person to take part. He told the rest of the group that he used to hate exercise, but found the night challenge fun.

*LS left the meeting.*

## *Questions*

The members were given an opportunity to ask questions and the following questions were raised on behalf of class 3W:

*FM would like to know if there could be a rock collecting club.*

*- MDatthew would like a gaming club. Computer or board games? We could have a board games club every Friday.*

The following questions were raised by those present at the meeting:

*Can we have more teacher training days? We can't because there are a legal number of days that pupils have to be in school.*

*Drama club is going from strength to strength. We will see how it goes and then we can get resources if we would use them. Could we have more talent opportunities like Oakfield's Got Talent?*

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## *Drinks*

- i Lee showed the council members some drinks that had been bought from the local shop and they were asked to sort them into what they think should and should not be allowed in school.

During the sorting the following points were discussed:

- Should Dr Pepper be allowed?
- Lilt should be allowed because it has fruit in it.
- Pepsi contains lots of sugar.
- It was suggested that full sugar drinks should not be allowed, but they could be replaced by the sugar-free versions; everyone agreed.
- Ribena and Oasis have a high sugar content, but it was agreed that they should not be allowed if the sugar-free canned drinks were allowed.
- Some pupils might not look at the sugar content, but may have adverse reactions to the drinks.

- ii The group was told that the noticeboard near Brian's room will show pictures of the drinks that are allowed and not allowed by the end of next week. This topic will be discussed again at the next meeting to see how it has gone.

- iii A question was raised about what would happen if a banned drink was taken into the toilet. The group was told that staff will not follow pupils into the toilet, but it would be very unhygienic to take a drink there. The pupils were advised to think carefully about their choices. Drinks should only be consumed at unstructured parts of the day and not during lesson times.

## **ACTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Discuss drinks again at the next school council meeting.

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