

Oakfield School Council Meeting



Date: Thursday 27th February 2020

| PUPILS PRESENT | | | STAFF PRESENT | |
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| EA | MB | HE | Lee Thompson | Rachel Lillford |
| JG | BG | JG | Caroline Horn | Jane Chapman |
| HH | BJ | FM | Fiona Kirlew (minutes) | |

MINUTES

1. *Wear a Hat Day - Brain tumour Research Charity*

On Friday 27th March the school is holding a 'Wear a Hat Day' for brain tumour awareness. The group was told that that brain tumours kill more under 40's than any other cancer and only 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to this disease. The school has held Wear a Hat Day for the last four or five years. It was explained that pupils donate 50p to the charity and staff £1:00 to wear a hat for the day. There will be buns, hot drinks, juice, wrist bands and pens on sale in the dining room. The school council representatives are usually responsible for selling the buns. Any leftover buns are donated to the nurses on the Castle Hill cancer ward.

The school usually holds a competition (previously design a hat) and in the past the winner has been awarded 1000 Vivos and the runner up 500. This year it will depend if the Vivo system is back up and running; an alternative prize may have to be awarded.

Year 10 will be out of school on D of E that day, but Lee told the group that he will save them some buns if they wish.

Pupils may wear pink for school in support of this day and posters will be going up shortly.

2. *Letters*

Lee told the group that there are specific letters to go home with tutor groups on Friday 28th February:

i Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 will be getting a letter re the 'Big Bang' at the Bonus Arena on Thursday 11th June. The group was told that pupils who want to go need to fill in the form and return it. The visit will probably be for a half-day and it has been enjoyed by pupils in the past. Lee told the group that he will see if we can take some Year 7 pupils. The visit is out of school and participation will be dependent on behaviour.

ii Year 9 pupils will be getting a letter about the Skills Humber Open Day at the Bonus Arena on Thursday 5th March. There will be the opportunity to speak to employers, colleges and apprenticeship providers. Pupils can also find out about 14 - 16 courses that they may wish to undertake.

Lee told the group that he will shortly be visiting the East Riding College to set up placements for next year.

There was a query as to whether there may be a statistics course available and Lee said that he would find out.

iii Year 11 will receive a letter about revision clubs. The group was told that the letter for 11A will be different to the letter for 11B, so they must make sure they have the right letter. The clubs on offer begin on Monday 16th March and are:

- Monday - Science
- Tuesday - English

- Wednesday - Maths
- Thursday - Humanities

Each club lasts 45 minutes and the group was told that they are worth considering as they can help you with your future career. Lee will organise the taxis for after the clubs.

- iv All pupils will receive a letter to take home re drinks and then the new policy will come into play after the Easter holiday. A point was raised that most pupils buy their drinks from the shops near to the school and Lee told the group that the pupils cannot be policed at all times and must take some responsibility themselves. It was stated that different teachers allow different drinks in class and some clarity is needed. The group was told that there is a noticeboard outside Brian's classroom that shows what is and is not allowed and all will be made clear after the Easter holiday.
- v A letter is being sent home with an update on the Corona Virus. A local teacher had been sent home with symptoms and there had been a lot of media hype and so the letter is to allay concerns. The letter gives national guidance re hand washing and other personal hygiene. There was a discussion about flu and the Corona Virus and how both can be dangerous to those with a low immune system.

3. *Love Staying Safe*

A lady from the Hull Young Mayor had contacted the school to invite two pupils to the 'Love Staying Safe' campaign that is being held at Endeavour on Tuesday 17th March between 6:00pm and 7:30pm. There will be lots of MPs and Councillors in attendance. Lee told the group that two pupils who are not involved in other things will be selected to attend; they must be good representatives for the school. The two pupils will be taken to the event by Rachel Davies.

4. *Night Challenge*

This year we are only allowed to enter one team in the Night Challenge and we have five pupils who are taking part: AS, DB, JM, CN and NS. The challenge is to be held on Saturday 7th March and will involve a 12 mile walk through the woods in the dark. There is a meeting next Wednesday 4th March to give further details. The class representatives were asked to let the participants know the meeting arrangements.

5. *London Visit*

Names were drawn from a hat for the London Visit and the successful pupils were FM, BG, EA, LS, HE and AH. The itinerary is as follows:

- 7:00am - train leaves
- 11:00am - Parliament
- 1:15pm - 4D cinema
- 1:45pm - London Eye
- 2:30pm - photo opportunities

The staffing for the visit is to be confirmed.

6. *Any Other Business*

- i It was agreed that there has been an improvement in the school lunches and everyone had enjoyed what the kitchen staff had prepared for pancake day.

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- ii There was a discussion about what the pupils can do re climate change and it was suggested that those who live in close vicinity to the school could walk. It was pointed out that taxi sharing is better than being in individual taxis.

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| 4. | Let the participants in the Night Challenge know that a meeting is being held on Wednesday 4 th March. | All Representatives |

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