

# RESIDENTS COUNCIL MEETING



PUPILS PRESENT	Date 21/05/2021 STAFF PRESENT
AH - Willow JR - Leap JM - Pine LN - Hawthorne	DG SF TL NR

## AGENDA ITEMS FROM PUPIL HOUSE MEETINGS

### LEAP Provision (Maple House (1)/ Hazel House (2))

- If Skateboarding could be a weekly activity
- If tennis could be offered as one big activity

### Pine House (3)

- Nets on basketball hoops in sport hall – CP

### Hawthorn House (4)

N/A

### Willow House (5)

N/A

## OUTCOMES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The last residential council meeting was on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021. Outcomes from the meeting include:

- Xbox One games – original plan was each house to contribute money to buy new Xbox games – not buying a pass. SF attempted to purchase some from Argos but had sold out. However, an email has been sent to management to see if we can trial the games pass to see if it would be value for money.
- TD (cook) doing a round the world food experience every week.
- Culture night took place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Overall a positive evening, especially for Willow and Hawthorn house.
- Artwork/games on the courtyard floor not going ahead as stated not allowed – However, TL stated that we are waiting on funding for AstroTurf. Outside games such as giant Jenga and snakes and ladders suggested as an alternative.
- There has been some full residential activities – Hide and seek, residential rounder's, residential BBQ at Welton.

## MEETING MINUTES

### Welcome

### Agenda Items from houses

The items discussed at residential council from each house are as follows:

### LEAP Provision (Maple House (1)/ Hazel House (2))

- If Skateboarding could be a weekly activity
- If tennis could be offered as one big activity

Email sent out afterwards regarding these items

### Pine House (3)

- Nets on basketball hoops in sport hall

This may not be possible as nets make them too easy to climb on.

### Hawthorn House (4)

- End of term treat for full residential

SF: Water Park – AH: Swimming, Alphonere

JR: Jenson – trampolining – TL/NR: not possible due to health and safety.

TL: There are plans for inflation

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## Willow House (5)

N/A

### TL

TL, manager wanted to discuss the idea of getting pic-nic benches in the residential gardens. TL can get the benches made at a discounted price, costing £100 instead of £140. The students liked this idea. It was suggested trying to get 6 altogether and attempting to think of ways to fund raise if needed. The students suggested the following:

AH: bake sales/walks

JR: Jobs for people like walking dogs.

SF: Washing cars

NR: Sponsored silence

LN: cooking.

Discussion then had in regards to fund raising for a table tennis table which will be reviewed in September for the next academic year. SF then informed everyone about healthy eating week from the 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June. PH (staff) is going to organise a residential walk. A double activity is being organised by FC for a sports night.

### AM/Be Kind

AM, deputy head of care suggested a topic to be discussed today is about being kind. The students were asked what being kind means to them.

JR: if it were my family, give hugs and play a lot

LN: Be nice

JM: Leave food for others

AH: feed the homeless – in town

NR: words and actions – positive/do things for others

SF: manners cost nothing.

The students were then asked if they have noticed anything about being kind at residential.

TL: comment boxes on the wall?

AH: these help with your feelings

TL: If you're hurt but don't want to talk to anyone, you can write it down and put it in the box. They will be checked daily for this reason.

DG: In relation to mental health awareness week we have also been putting positive/kind things in which people have done for us.

NR: this is being trialled in residential but then could appear in school also.

Be kind examples from the houses include the following:

Hawthorn house baked different foods for the other houses.

Leap house have a friendship tree so when you do kind things these are displayed on the wall

Pine house have a random acts of kindness calendar which encourages random acts of kindness to either others, yourself or the environment. Positive comments to one another are also encouraged daily.

Willow house cooked sausage sandwiches for breakfast for the other houses.

Students informed that there will be a be kind culture night next half term and were given the option to contribute any ideas they may like to see on the culture night or any suggestions in general about activities that promote be kind. The following were suggested:

LN: cooking for the houses/laser tag

JR: Camping

JM: Food

AH: cooking for houses with cook TD

JM: more yu gi oh

### Any other business

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The residential menu and the food consumed on residential was debated.

SF: The menu for residential has changed and we will be having the lunch time meal at tea time and the tea time meal at lunch. TL: As there are activities that involve going off site on an evening it's been noted that the hot meal is sometimes missed and in order to have a more balanced diet the main hot meal will now be at lunch time and the sandwiches and cold food will be at dinner time. This will also enable the sandwiches to be taken out on an activity if needed.

TL: We will no longer be using Alpine to get the food from but instead using a company called Brakes. From now until the end of July whatever is spent on food we will get 10% back to spend on vouchers. During the next residential council meeting please discuss how the vouchers should be distributed among residential.

There were no other topics for discussion, meeting closed. A positive residential council meeting, lots discussed with everyone contributing something to the meeting.

**Minutes by - DG**