

School Council Meeting Minutes
Term 3

Wednesday 31st January 2018

Current Christian Value: Thankfulness

Present: Mrs Andrews and all Key stage 2 School Councillors (except Matthew McInally 6AM as unwell.)

Meeting lead and driven by the councillors themselves.

- Firstly a quick reminder of what had been discussed/agreed at the last meeting.
- Each class representative briefly communicated new ideas that had been acquired from peers since the last meeting.

The main issue which was repeatedly raised by all classes and in all year groups was play/lunch times. School Councillors stated that many of their class mates had expressed a desire for improved facilities during these times.

Discussion again around: More equipment, possible quiet area, Buddy Stop etc.

Following a brain storming session and discussion, it was unanimously agrees that KS2 SC would ask Mr Harper if they could contact

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/the-dengineers>

and seek approval to apply to the show. If successful/chosen SC could have a 'Den' created for free in the playground/field for all the children.

- Mr Harper had requested that the SC gave their views and opinions on the marking scheme currently used in school.

Points/comments raised were as follows:

1. SC found the marking helpful in many instances. It helped them to understand when they had got things right and when they hadn't

(meaning they knew how to move their learning on and improve their work next time.)

2. Sometimes it is hard to read the teacher's handwriting.
This means pupils have to waste time queueing/putting their hands up to talk to the teacher, rather than getting on with their feedback marking/green penning.
3. SC did not really know what abbreviations such as VF or 1:1 TA support meant when written in their books.
4. Not enough time given to address feedback marking/green penning.

Overall it was felt that the current system needed to be made simpler and clearer for pupils and that more time should be scheduled to allow pupils to complete their green penning.

Some SCs thought a system using coloured stamps/pens would help them to quickly identify what they needed to do. eg Red (STOP and check), Amber (small improvements/amendments needed), Green (good and next steps).

It was noted that some teachers had sometimes used the 'Wish, wish star' system which they liked.

Actions:

To write to Mr Harper and request permission to contact '*DENGINEERS*'.

In the meantime, a request to be put in for more equipment etc.

School Council have asked Mrs Andrews to do this on their behalf.

Next meeting to be held in Term 4. Date and time to be arranged.