



School Council Meeting – 12.01.24

Agenda & Minutes

Present: All members of school council present today

| <u>Agenda Item</u> | <u>Suggestions & Minutes</u> | <u>Actions</u> |
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| <p><u>How do we improve school lunches?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would we encourage more children to have a school lunch and improve the choices available? • How do we make sure that there is less food waste? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza is popular – We could make this healthier by adding vegetables on the top and have it more often? • Fish and chips are also very popular – We could have fish without breadcrumbs or some vegetables with it as well to make this healthier • Curries from different types of the world would be a good addition to lunches and the children think these would be popular • Some children aren't too keen on the lasagne – Maybe change the recipe and take the mushrooms out as lots of children don't like them • A whole school project will take place in the summer term to teach the children about how to waste less food and save more money • Introduce katsu chicken curry • Introduce healthy burgers • Have napkins to make the children less messy • Have music in the dining hall to change the atmosphere in there | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RA to invite Christine the Cook to come to the next school council meeting to discuss some of these ideas with her – We will need to hold this meeting at a different time in the school day to enable her to come as she will be very busy over lunch time |
| <p><u>Is it possible for us to have some kind of school pet or animals for the children to look after in school?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do the school council think that this would be a good thing for the children at SGFS? • How would this work in holidays? • Is this a good idea for all of the children of SGFS? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would help the children have some responsibility – One of our core values • Volunteer children and parents could take the animals home to look after during the holidays • Some suggestions are: A hamster Guinea pigs A rabbit Chickens Stick insects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RA to talk to the rest of the SLT about the idea of a school pet and how this may work. Also share this with the rest of the teaching staff to see if any of the teachers would be willing to have a school pet. |

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| <p><u>Feedback and Marking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do the school council think is helpful when the teachers give feedback on their work? • What do the school council think that younger and older children should have for marking and feedback? What is helpful for the different ages of pupils? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children feel that verbal feedback is more useful than written feedback • Red amber green on title is easy for all of the children to understand (but some teachers don't do this all the time) • The children agreed that they do like to see that the teacher has written something in their books sometimes so that they know that the teacher has looked at their work • Children don't like it when there is too much writing from teachers in their books – they find this too difficult to understand • Teachers should continue mark in blue and not red as the children think that red is a 'bad' colour • Children think they need to go back and look at their work more after it has been marked so that they can get the time to make it better • One good thing and one area for development identified on work might be useful sometimes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RA to ensure that all of these suggestions are reflected on the changes to the feedback and marking policy which are due to take place in a staff meeting on 17.01.24. |
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