

# **Friars Primary School & Nursery**

Part of the Portico Academy Trust

## **School Council Minutes**



Meeting 19th May 2021

Representing	Membership
Friars Leadership Team	Mr McClay - Principal
Friars Leadership Team	Mr Roche - Vice Principal
3ML	Brayden and Poppy
3JD	Alfie and Bella Rose
4B	Gracie and Ethan
4S	Logan and Ebonie
5\$	Max and Maisie
5VB	Phoebe and Henry
6D	Samuel and Danita
6G	Kyla and William

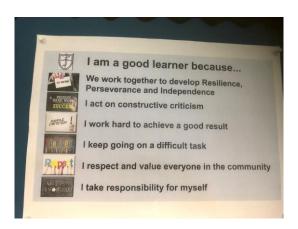
## **Apologies for absence**

5VB were at Outdoor Learning so did not attend.

## **Our School Values**

We discussed our current School Values (1) and our Senior Leadership Team's (SLT) idea for a new rebranding (2). It was shared that the current values are about good learning and that maybe we need values that go further. Initial reaction to the new idea was positive. Councillors were asked to take the matter back to their classes for further discussion.

(1)



(2)

At Friars, individual wellbeing <u>comes first</u>.

We believe in Respecting
and Including everyone.

We Aim high and show
Resilience in our learning.

Our aim is to Succeed in everything we do!

Actions: Councillors to discuss school values back with their classes and feed back ideas in the next meeting. Mr. McClay will talk about school values in tonight's staff meeting.

#### **Pupil Wellbeing Forum**

It was explained to the council that as school leaders, we believe that everyone's wellbeing is the most important thing to consider in our school. With this in mind, we are considering introducing a new Pupil Wellbeing Forum, where pupils from Years 5 and 6 can apply to join. This would be a powerful group who would meet every half term to discuss different aspects of school life. A member of the Senior Leadership Team would always attend these meetings.

Reaction was highly positive and the council agreed that this would be a very positive step.

Action: Launch an application process to the Pupil Wellbeing Forum after half term.

## **Worry Boxes**

Mr. McClay explained that school staff know that sometimes pupils have worries that are best shared. These might be worries from school or outside of school. It was proposed that we move forward with 'worry post boxes' in each classroom in which pupils could pop concerns in. Class adults would check these regularly. Bigger worries should be shared directly with an adult, as they might need a quicker response.



Action: Everyone agreed that this was a good idea. Mr. Roche will order post boxes for every classroom. They should arrive by the end of next week.

#### **Playground Equipment**

The School Council were asked for their feedback about the new playground equipment. This included the slingshots on KS1 and KS2 and the outdoor gym equipment. Mr. McClay and Mr. Roche had been made aware that some children were less keen on certain pieces of equipment and this was discussed.

Danita shared that everyone enjoys the new equipment. The slingshot is a good challenge. The four-person piece of equipment and the skier are very popular.

The leg press can be difficult for pupils who are not very tall. The bikes are probably the least popular.

It was discussed that the KS2 trim trail will definitely be replaced and that this will likely happen over the school summer break. This will increase the level of physical challenge at break and lunch times and will provide more choice and variety.

Action: No further action.

#### **School Meals and the Lunch Hall**

Mr. McClay and Mr. Roche were both keen to hear about the school councillors' thought on the new meals.

A few points were shared:

- The lentil bean dish was not popular with some children.
- Some children have expressed that they find only having water each day, repetitive. Some children do not like drinking water.

- The council felt that the vegan burger was not very popular.
- An observation was made that since the change in menu there appear to be more packed lunches being brought in than previously

Mr. Roche asked everyone what they thought of music playing in the hall. There was a mixed reaction with some people liking the music and others not. It was felt that different types of music should be tried.

Actions: Mr. McClay said that he would find out about school meal/packed lunch data and bring to next meeting.

It was felt that having taste testing sessions in the future would be a way of supporting children to try different foods that they might actually like.

Music in the hall will be discussed in this week's SLT Meeting.