



Meeting – Friday 20th October 2023	
Representing	Membership
Friars Leadership Team	Mr. McClay - Principal
Friars Leadership Team	Ms. Taylor-Brown – Senior Leader
3B	Harvey and Ralph
3KA	Jonathan and Tommy
4D	Alex and Emily
4S	Thea and Vinnie
5A	Chazo and Lyric
5BW	Bradley and Eva
6B	Olly and Tilly
6L	Gracie and Taylor

Apologies for absence

All councillors were present. Ms. Taylor-Brown was unable to attend.

Class suggestion boxes

Each class brought along their suggestion boxes and we discussed some of the suggestions they contained. As the boxes are only newly established, there were only a handful of ideas to work through. Matters raised will be taken to the next meeting and will be agenda items.

The return of the snack bar

The children were all very keen to get the snack bar back up and running during break times. There was an agreement that it is good for the school (i.e., us being a ‘healthy school’) and councillors said that they would be happy to help with its organisation and delivery. We discussed the items that could possibly be sold; raisins, rice cakes, smoothies etc and possibly every so often more of a treat – i.e., biscuits, milkshakes. It was shared that it is best to have items that have a long shelf life and do not need to always be kept in a fridge due to storage issues. We discussed how there could be a trolley that is taken out onto the playground.

Action: Mr. McClay will raise the matter with Mrs. McEvoy and Mrs. Webb who are the school’s Healthy Schools Leads.

Clubs, playground/OPAL activities

Everyone felt that the offer of clubs at the school is good. There are many free club places such as Fun Football and Choir, as well as paid for clubs such as karate and tennis. There is the free Breakfast Club and the paid for Extended Schools Club used by those working parents and carers who need the childcare. Ideas were shared about other club ideas. These ideas will be put out to staff to see if anyone might have the capacity to run a new club.

There was a lot of enthusiasm around OPAL and its continued journey.

Action: We will revisit OPAL at the next meeting when Ms. Taylor-Brown will be in attendance.

PE – a Friars tracksuit top

It was explained that the previous School Council of 2022-23 had thought of an idea of a Friars tracksuit top. A top that parents would have the choice to purchase. It would include the Friars purple and the Friars crest. Councillors thought this to be an excellent idea and that it would promote the sense of belonging in the school as well as pride.

Action: Mr. McClay will speak with Mrs. Goodwin about contacting our uniform retailers to see if they could design a tracksuit top for us.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st November at 1:15pm