

School Council Minutes 2020-2021

Date: 24.06.21

Present:

Hoxton	Nylah (Head), Harry (Deputy Head), Kareiss (Treasurer)	Miss Anderson-Ikpa
Southwold	Kamil (Head boy, Zeliha (head girl), Sa’Kai (deputy head boy), Dilara (deputy head girl)	Miss Seda Mertdjan
Orchard	Liberty (Head Girl), Tristan (Head Boy), Manpreet (Treasurer) and Marlowe (Secretary)	

Absences:

Apologies from:	Reason for Absence	Follow up needed?

Agenda: Cross Site School Council Meeting

Item	Discussion	Action
<p>1 How engaging are your class council sessions?</p> <p>Can we improve this in any way?</p>	<p>Hoxton: Throughout the school, children are very engaged and shared their opinions confidently. However, in year 6, children were less confident in voicing ideas.</p> <p>Southwold: Children are very engaged. However, due to lockdown, it was difficult to promote much of our agendas and we were unable to discuss many topics.</p> <p>Orchard: Children from Years 3-6 attend weekly School Council meetings and are able to very clearly feedback Class Council discussions– using weekly minutes. In class sessions have improved, particularly in Year 3 as the pupils were not attending this extended meeting in Autumn Term.</p> <p>Hoxton: Teachers could use lolly sticks with the children’s names. This will allow teachers to ensure everyone has a chance to speak. We could also share the agenda discussion points in the morning to allow children to think about responses prior to discussing this during the class council session.</p> <p>Southwold: It would be helpful if agendas were shared with classes on time to allow these to be completed each week, not every two weeks. We can also have posters to promote school council and our aims.</p> <p>Orchard: We will continue to ensure class councillors know what to expected in weekly agendas, before they take place. HB and HG will also continue to monitor the organisation of the school council folders to ensure everyone understands points discussed.</p>	<p>These to be shared in the next school council meeting, where all year groups can attend. This will allow these children to go back and share this with their class/teachers.</p>
<p>2 Looking at your action plans, what have you achieved this year?</p> <p>What are you most proud of?</p>	<p>Hoxton: During Anti-Bullying Week, we raised money on Blue Friday for the NSPCC. We ensured Hoxton were aware of our chosen charity by sharing videos and allowing classes to do research. We also promoted the importance of mental health though class council discussion and circle times.</p> <p>Southwold: We raised money for our chosen charity. We also encouraged the use of engaging displays through school council meetings. Children are now referring to display boards for vocabulary within their writing.</p> <p>Orchard: We raised almost £400 for one our chosen charity, the Marine Conservation Society. We also raised awareness of this through our ‘Marine Day’ during Summer 1. Pupil voice has also increased throughout the year. Children are more confident in voicing their opinions around a variety of agenda topics.</p> <p>Hoxton: We met regularly as a school council to discuss ideas and feedback from class council meetings. Year 6 also had extra meetings to focus on promoting good relationships and being supportive following the lock down/preparing for SATS. We also focused on ensuring circle time took place each week, allowing children to go through the problem and praise box.</p> <p>Southwold: We placed a huge focus on promoting inspiration stations and book corners. We had a competition amongst classes to encourage this. Children are now more willing to use this area. Engagement during discussions have also improves as more children are willing to feedback ideas.</p>	<p>NSPCC.</p>

		<p>Orchard: Despite the lockdown, we raised money for our charity. We also focused on gaining feedback surrounding school dinners. We hope to share on-going feedback with the teachers so we can make further improvements to the quality of meals.</p>	
3	<p>Moving forward, which actions would you like our future school council to focus on?</p>	<p>Hoxton: We would like to raise more money for our charity by selling healthy foods in line with promoting healthy living. Alongside this, have a food/clothes bank to support families within our community. We would also like to hold more assemblies to promote our role as leaders and encourage the importance of mental health and friendships. Achieving gold for the anti-bullying quality mark is also a focus for next year.</p> <p>Southwold: We would like to go for the gold award for the anti-bullying quality mark. We would also like to meet with other ambassadors such as Digital Leaders and the Eco Warriors to make linked actions. Along with this, we would like to raise awareness of our roles through assemblies.</p> <p>Orchard: We would like to have more of a focus on anti-bullying by raising the awareness more regularly throughout the school. Encourage children to express themselves even though their opinions may be different to others. We would also like to choose a second charity and work towards the Rights Respecting School Award.</p>	<p>Points to be carried over to next year and to be shared during the first school council handover session.</p>
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