

## Council Meeting 1/12/22

### Present:

LA James (Neve absent)

S Max Tamar

GO (Esme absent) (Elijah didn't attend)

Ch Samuel (Summer absent)

W Jessica Vinny

M Kian Chloe

R Audrey Isaac

Mrs Bamforth

Mr Baldwin

Mrs Bolton

### DISCUSSION OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS:

1. Planting will be a Spring activity when Mrs Holmes is no longer organising gardening with her group. Mrs Bamforth told the Council that the raised beds have been prepared for planting and Mrs Hamilton will be organising planting in Spring 2.
2. Litter picking. Mrs Bolton has discussed the idea with Damian (our temporary caretaker) and agreed that a litter survey will be carried out first to assess the amount of litter on school grounds.
  - \*This will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at lunchtime.
  - \*Litter picking equipment needs to be sourced. Please let Damian know if you can loan a litter grabber.
  - \*Each class is to choose an Eco Warrior to take part by picking a volunteer's name out of a hat.
  - \*They will also check:
    1. Lights not left on.
    2. Smart boards not left on.
    3. Heaters are switched off when not needed.
3. An art day is to be organized in each class for the last week of next half term (February 6<sup>th</sup>). Teachers have been emailed with an outline of the event.

## NEW SUGGESTIONS:

1. A bug hotel - Mrs Bamforth told Council that we already have a bug hotel. It needs upkeeping. To be discussed next meeting (please let one of the School Council staff members know if you can provide any information about the current state).
2. Buddy bench: Councilors are concerned that sometimes people sit on the bench, lonely, but nobody realises. They decided to ask each teacher to choose a volunteer each week to be a buddy. They will wear one of the red school caps so they are visible. They will keep an eye on the bench at playtimes.
3. Councilors would like to reinstate the staff Branch Out tree. This will start in January, with Year 6 choosing for the first KS2 assembly and Year 2 choosing for the first KS1/EYFS assembly.

## Other business:

Mrs Bamforth suggested a school council display so that everyone knows what is decided upon, what is being worked on, what has been finished etc. She will decide which board will be used.

Councilors don't have badges yet - Mrs Bolton will investigate.

Looking at suggestions passed so far, it was decided that Saplings, Little Acorns and Chestnuts should be the first classes to put forward suggestions at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January.