Parliament Minutes- 25th November 2021

Year 1 Ava, Ollie, Xyla, Hayden

Year 2 Jacob and Hetty Miss Bennett, George Florence Mrs Tarpey

Year 3 Kara and Lucas Mrs Anderson, Ethan and Scarlett Mr Palmer,

Year 4 Freya Aiden Matilda Benny

Year 5 Emma, Will, Josh, Elysia

Year 6 Caleb, Maisie, Mickey

**Follow up from last meeting**

* Hetty spoke about her experience at the Children’s Parliament during the half term holiday. She explained how she got to talk about Climate Change and took part in votes about how we can make changes to help our environment.
* Discussed charity ideas- suggestions included- brain injury, Kenyan schools, Lumos- child refugee charity linked with Poverty, Cats Protection League, McMillan Cancer Support Support, WWF for life on land and life underwater.
* Behaviour in and around classrooms is good with the odd exception of running in corridors.
* Council have ordered the bin that has been suggested.

 **Discussion topics**

* Playground sports rota- should we have a wider range of sports as well as football?

Basketball/ netball, individual sports activities like skipping, beanbags, decided hockey was potentially too dangerous on the busy playground, cricket in summer time, running races in summer time on field.

Suggestion was made to have fun/ practice days/ areas as well as more competitive matches for those children who prefer less formal sports and knock about type games.

Mrs Woodward will put together an updated schedule including these aspects and share within the week.

**AOB**

All year groups agreed that the lunch hall is too loud. Mrs Woodward suggested playing pod casts or talking books so children have something to listen too but this was not popular.

A suggestion of putting up posters and signs was made. This was decided to be a good idea but not a real solution to the problem.

A suggestion of having a talking square so talk is limited to be between the people sitting directly opposite, next too or diagonally across from rather than further down the benches. This was agreed to be a good plan and is to be shared with classes.

Year 4 have a bin bag to collect plastic wrappers and then Mrs Lawson is taking it to Tesco’s for their recycling project. Please share with all classes this system.

Year 4 also use a great system of ‘being prepared’ which means you have to check toilet, pencil and drink bottles are all sorted before you start the lesson so interruptions are not needed. Parliament agreed this was a good technique for all pupils to use.

Year 3 discussed safety on road before and after school. They like the new signs that are outside now. It was noted that not all parents are respecting the no parking on the zigzags and Mrs Woodward told us this is something that Miss Anderson/ Mrs Heather and the office team is currently looking to improve but if all children could please remind parents that would really help.

Year 4 mentioned that at lunchtime some children are playing dangerously with the leaves. Throwing and kicking them is ok but not in faces or eyes.

Year 6- please do not switch seats at lunchtime, remain in your allocated place for the whole lunch even if others leave and a space is created.

Year 5- can we have equal representation of all sports- not such a focus upon traditionally male dominated sports. More netball and hockey please.

Year 4- please stay away from the newly planted saplings. Class MP has created a poster at home to add to this space to raise awareness.