

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

School Council Minutes

Date: 18.09.2024

Classes Present:

BB, LB, 1F, 1R, 2B, 2P, 3AW, 3BK, 4K, 4S, 5C, 5FB, 6Q, 6S

Lead teacher: Miss Zych

Welcome from Miss Zych

We talked about roles and responsibilities of the School Council Reps. We know that the School Council Reps are the voice of all the children in our school. In our meetings, will be having discussions about how to improve our school. We introduced ourselves and got to know each other's names.

Litter picking Club

The children are keen to continue the weekly litter picking in the school grounds with Mr Todd, our lovely caretaker. So, starting next week, the Reps need to gather in the School Office during the morning assembly to help Mr Todd to maintain the school grounds.

Action: Talk to Mr Todd and arrange for the Club to start on 26th September.

Partnership with St. Matthew's Eco Group

Last year we have been asked to help maintain the church's ground and help plant some plants to attract wildlife in the spiritual garden. The new School Council is keen to develop this partnership.

Action: Miss Zych to contact Avril and establish dates/events we can help with.

Improving recycling

The Reps would like to see some improvement in the way we use the recycling bins around the school. They think the children and adults are not very good at recycling paper which often ends up in the general waste bin. The Reps want to run a recycling poster competition. They voted whether to have a class or whole school competition and they decided that they wanted to advertise it to the whole school. The entries need to contain the clear information about what is allowed in general and recycling bin. The winning poster will be printed and displayed on all the bins.

Action: Miss Zych to post Dojo to advertise the competition.

Electricity Monitors

The Reps are aware of the habit of not switching the lights off and that it has a negative impact on the environment. The Rep from Year 5 said that she recalls the situation when after her class came back from their school trip, the lights were still on in the classroom on a sunny day as no one had switched them off for the whole day! The Reps want each class to have electricity monitors who are the chosen children who will remind the everyone to turn the lights off and switch boards off.

Action: The teachers to nominate a sensible child/children who can be in charge of this.