



School Council

2023 to 2024

Our School Council is made up of the Chair Persons of our Pupil Influence Groups:



*Rhodri representing Y Criw Cymreig
Ethan representing The Money Makers
Joshua representing The World Wide Explorers
Poppy representing The Eco Warriors
Keira representing Park Pals
Brooke representing The Story Squad
Jorgi representing Our Performing Arts Ambassadors
Jaxon & Sophia representing The Prefects*

Meeting 1 – 13th November 2023 at 9.45am

Agenda: Member Introductions
Award badges
School Council Photograph
Updates from Pupil Influence Group
Determine Actions

1. All members introduced themselves.
Mrs Billington shared the purpose of the School Council meetings
Agreed that School Council will update everyone during whole school assembly on Monday 20th November 2023
2. Badges were presented to all members
3. Mrs Billington took a School Council photograph
4. Updates from members:

Rhodri *representing* Y Criw Cymreig

The Criw Cymreig are working to improve Welsh throughout the school.

The Ddraig Coch will continue this year

We are working to achieve the Cymraeg Campus Silver Award



Ethan *representing* **The Money Makers**

Ideas have been shared on how to raise money for this year's selected charity. Ethan asked whether Park Pals had chosen a charity? Keira stated that Teams 4 U had been selected. The Money Maker's ideas include competitions and games

Joshua *representing* **The World Wide Explorers**

The WWE's discussed the success of last year's competition relating to the Llay Main Colliery closure. They hope to plan something similar for this year.

School Council agreed the competition had been a success and asked for the WWE to look into other local events we could celebrate or support.

Poppy *representing* **The Eco Warriors**

The Eco Warriors have met and roles assigned but as yet no plans are in place. School Council asked for an update following the group's next meeting.

Keira *representing* **Park Pals**

Park Pals have been very active – Teams 4 U have been chosen as this year's charity and the Shoe Box appeal launched on the website. Posters are also displayed around school.



Brooke *representing* The Story Squad

The Story Squad have also had a productive start to the term. Our new school library has been created and a new incentive to encourage reading launched. Bookmarks and Stickers have been given to all classes along with Reading Teddies for children to take home.

Further ideas discussed in their meeting including a bedtime story sleepover.

Jorgi *representing* Our Performing Arts Ambassadors

The PAA have offered to design the tickets for this concert performances along with posters to advertise the events. They will also be assisting in creating props and staging scenery and helping younger children with costumes etc. on performance days.

Jaxon & Sophia *representing* The Prefects

Our Prefects have all received Playmaker Training which aims to help/include children playing games at breaktimes. A timetable for support needs to be drafted.

Prefects attended the Remembrance Service on the 12th November at St Martin's church and the cenotaph. They read the names of the fallen soldiers and were wonderful representatives for our school.



5. Actions:

- Ethan to share the charity information with The Money Makers
- Joshua to ask the WWE to explore other local events we can be involved with – in Llay or Wrexham
- Poppy to update the School Council on the goals of the Eco Warriors this year
- The Prefect Group – meet with Mrs Billington to determine what their legacy will be
- The Prefect Group to create a timetable for Playmakers.

The School Council decided termly meetings are appropriate. Next Meeting: TBA





Meeting 2 – 10th April 2024 at 11.30am

Bella was welcomed to the School Council as the representative of the BSL Buddies group.

Members unanimously voted our that school dog Eugene should be part of the school council and presented him with a badge!

1. Matters Arising

- Ethan shared that he had informed the Money Makers of the school charity for the year
- Joshua reported that the WWEs had arranged the Leap into Action Day on 29th February to celebrate the leap year
- Poppy shared that the Eco Warriors will be focussing on Recycling this year
- The Prefect Group are scheduled to meet with Mrs Billington this afternoon to discuss Playmaker timetables and their legacy

2. Updates from AOLE Chairpersons

Jorgie shared that the Performing Arts Academy had designed the posters to advertise the concerts so far this year and the tickets for sale. They are due to meet in the upcoming weeks to design the adverts and tickets for the Years 3/4 concert. In addition, Jorgie also stated that the group were designing badges for the various roles within the group.

Joshua apologised that he didn't know a lot of what the WWEs had been up to given that he had been on holiday last term. However, he was aware of the Leap into Action Super Learning Day which was very successful.

Rhodri explained that the Criw Cymreig were still very active, collecting sheets from classes and awarding the Ddraig Coch's to those using lots of Welsh throughout the week. He said to further promote more extended language the CC had discussed introducing an extended sentence in each class for the children to use. This is to be introduced this term. Rhodri added that the CC had help arrange, organise and support the St David's Day celebrations across the school.

Ethan shared that the Money Makers have taken responsibility for school snack. They meet on a Monday morning and distribute the fruit and two members will be meeting with Mrs Carver to discuss the costings. Money Makers have also introduced Class Attendance of the Week and award £10 vouchers to the classes with the best attendance. Idwal class have taken the lead so far. The scheme is to promote better attendance across the school.

Poppy explained that the Eco Warriors plan to hold an assembly to launch their Recycling initiative. They have already started to make changes in school such as ensuring food is separated from all other waste at lunchtimes.

Brooke shared that the The Story Squad's library launch was very successful and over 120 children had been treated to a "milkshake and movie" afternoon as a reward for earning 6 or

more stickers. She said that lots of book reviews had been completed and more children are choosing to read at home. The next goal will be for 12 stickers to be earned.

Bella reported that the BSL group had introduced lots of sign language into the school and launched the class token/trophy scheme which is working well. Others commented that lots of children are using sign language across the school and enjoying learning the new skill.

Jaxon and Sophia shared that the Prefect group had also been active, supporting in assemblies, helping in concerts and with parent events and a few members had presented the Governing Body at their latest meeting when three members created and shared a Power Point presentation.

3. School Improvement

Mrs Billington asked for the School Council's opinions on what is working well at school and what we can do to make school even better.

Working Well:

School Council meetings and Pupil Groups with badges

Time to Shine

Forest School

Presents at Christmas and Easter

Super Learning Days when classes join together

End of year activity days like the Country Show, Splash Days, Bouncy Castles etc.

School trips – especially residentials

The new uniform and having Year 6 Hoodies in September

Being listened to and ideas acted on
Cold tasks and new theme books in classes
Sports events with the cluster schools

What could improve our school:

School Meals – the council discussed how portion sizes could be bigger the choice improved for vegetarians. A decision was made for the School Council to write to our local councillor, MP and the catering team to share their concerns. They did note that the salad bar was a welcome addition to lunch times.

More competitive sports and clubs – Rhodri and Jaxon asked about football and rugby clubs after school and shared that they would like to take part in more matches throughout the year. Mrs Billington agreed to look into this.

4. Any Other Business

Mrs Billington asked for feedback on assemblies and how these could be improved now we have the new screens in the hall. Following much discussion, it was agreed:

- School Council will run at least one assembly per half term
- Head Boy/Head Girl and deputies will take responsibility for sharing the Lord's Prayer and suggested lighting a candle at reflection time.
- Learn more songs to sing in assembly including Welsh songs using the screens for lyrics and sign language

- Class of the assembly – Brooke suggested the class who listens, takes part etc. the most during assembly should be rewarded
- Catch up with Super Star Staff Awards – Mrs Billington said 10 awards would be given out this week as we've fallen behind.

The School Council ended the meeting at 12.15pm by taking a new photograph for the file to include Bella and Eugene.

Date of Next Meeting: Friday 10th May at 10am

