



## School Council Meeting

**Date:** Time: 1.15 – 2.30 p.m.    **Venue:**

### Please remember to bring the following things with you:

- Ideas from your classmates about how we should spend the Sainsbury's vouchers we collect.
- One or 2 ideas from your class suggestion box that you think are good ideas to share and discuss.

### AGENDA and MINUTES

**Chair:**    **Nure (6AT)**

**Secretary:** **Ugni (6IR) Graham**

1. Apologies (LS/GM)	No apologies, all Councillors present.
2. Reminder of Ground Rules for Meetings (LS/GM)	Unable to display the Ground Rules but all Councillors were asked to refer to them after they were read out.. All Councillors agreed to abide by these rules.
3. Minutes of last meeting: - Agree for accuracy - Actions taken (LS/GM)	Minutes from the last meeting were discussed and agreed as correct.  All Councillors were given a copy to read and for their files.  Feedback from actions taken are as follows:  <b>ACTION.</b>  I looked at the Vouchers collected at the site so far and so far they had not been counted. It was apparent that there were not enough to get the equipment items they were requesting.

	<p>This promotion finishes on 30<sup>th</sup> June so there is still time to collect the vouchers.</p> <p>All Councillors agreed to do their best to collect more and ask the class to do so.</p>
<p>4. Consultation. Whole School Forum</p>	<p><b>Whole School Forum.</b></p> <p>A big welcome to <b>Vikki Henderson</b> who attended to see if there was any more feedback from the Whole School Forum topic regarding the parents becoming more involved in the school. We discussed what parents and carers could do to be better involved in their children's learning.</p> <p>We discussed that ParentMail and letters had been given out but still the parents were not attending in numbers.</p> <p>The recent Robot project during STEM week saw the robots displayed in the halls. All classes had been involved and parents were invited in to see the huge display. KS/1 had been reasonably attended although not in large numbers however the attendance of parents for KS/2 was very poor.</p> <p>More parents to come forward to supervise on school trips.</p> <p>We spoke of ensuring that everyone completed their homework on time and asked that parents were to oversee this. Reading with parents was another 'must do'.</p> <p>Getting the parents in to read and to work with the children on a regular basis.</p> <p>Getting the parents to attend school functions such as fairs and fete, workshops and talks on year group topics.</p> <p>Getting parents to assist in their child's worst subject.</p> <p>Vikki then again read out a long list of school activities which parents could attend, figures showed that attendance for these was really poor.</p> <p><b><u>TASK 1</u></b></p>

**To prepare posters for display at the entrances to the school and possibly to be made into flyers.**

## **ARTSMARK**

**Marta Dobrowolska** attended to speak about ARTSMARK. This is an award designed for schools in order to 'make art come alive.'

It was explained that Artsmark is to celebrate art through arts and culture.

The aim ***to incorporate art and culture into every students life and learning, knowledge and understanding.***

We had a discussion on the Councillors knowledge of Art and talked about the different themes involving dance and theatre as well as the usual painting and creative means. Councillors had previously asked for more art in class as it was something they all loved and enjoyed the creative side, making models and designing things.

Miss Marta explained that it was expected that there would be more of a focus on art next year and the possibility of students being rewarded with visits to conferences and organisations. Ripple Primary School would be expected to achieve an award whether it be bronze , silver or gold. Planning would be important in making sure that we were putting all our efforts in the right direction. Children would need to give ideas on what they wanted and how they could see this happening at Ripple.

Miss Marta gave out a questionnaire to all councillors to discuss with their classes to be handed in at the next meeting. This leaflet is to gain the information we need in order for the teachers to plan the content. Miss Marta then to feed this information back to a meeting she has shortly after this date.

	<p><b>Action from previous meeting.</b></p> <p>It has been obvious that rubbish was being dumped in Sherbourne Road, next to the school up against the railings. School staff have returned rubbish and spoken to the culprits who are residents. The smell and obvious danger that this causes was discussed and School Councillors wanted to do something about this.</p> <p>We discussed what we could do and the best idea was again to produce some posters which would be laminated and placed in the location the rubbish is being left.</p> <p>A large number of excellent posters were received from a number of different classes. These will be submitted to the Phase leaders to select the best 4 for display.</p> <p>A very big thank you to Miss Anka and 5AA who produced a fabulous poster from each class member. Well done.</p> <p><b><u>TASK 2</u></b></p> <p><b>To complete the questionnaire after a thorough discussion with the class.</b></p>
5. Suggestion Boxes (LS/GM)	Due to the volume of topics we covered there was not enough time to go through all the Suggestion Box ideas. Some Councillors did put forward a few ideas but we agreed that these had been fully covered during previous meetings.
6. STEM week	<p>We have just completed a week which was dedicated to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. I asked each year group what they had been involved in and how they enjoyed it.</p> <p>Year 1 . The robot creation was very well liked with lots of entries. They also made rockets, and an enormous colourful and practical happy town. All agreed it was great fun.</p> <p>Year 2. The children were also involved in robot creation along with glove puppets, making handbags and gliders.</p> <p>Year 3. The children made smoothies, ice cream and were involved in a number of</p>

	<p>maths games.  Year 4 . Again, ice cream and smoothies were made along with chatter boxes, Chinese boxes.  Year 5 . Water pressure tasks along with maths games.  Year 6. Our Year 6's were involved in a chromatography project and tie dye creations.  A good time had by all but years 5 and 6 claimed that things would have been more enjoyable with their own input and some even found it boring. I told them I would forward this.</p>
<p>7. Date and time of next meeting (LS and GM)</p>	<p>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 1.15pm.</p>
<p>8. A.O.B</p>	<p>A big thank you to Ugni for her work as Secretary and to Nure as a very good Chair.</p> <p><b>TASK</b>  All Councillors were again asked to look at page 12 from their handbook and complete the Mid- Year section showing how they feel they have developed as School Councillors. I asked for them to be honest when grading their score.  Councillors were asked for any weaknesses they may have and what could I do to improve both their learning and make them better Councillors. No one thought that they needed help but some Councillors believed that they were better as the year went on. No one thought that we needed to change the format or the content of the meetings.</p>