



Willow Wood Community Primary School
School Council
18th October 2013
1.10pm – Rainbow Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Infant Members absent from meeting.

Junior Councillors present: Year 3:	LM
Year 4:	JS
Year 5:	TT
Year 6:	BR
	AH
	SN

Members of staff: ST and EL

2. How the School Council Works – time for giving feedback.

ST explained the purpose of the school council and reminded all councillors of their roles and responsibilities. All councillors must remember to:

- Speak clearly
- Be well organised
- Feedback to the rest of the class and share the minutes of the meeting

During the next meeting, we will further discuss the roles and responsibilities of council members and assign these roles. The WEP Pupil Forum will also be added to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Feedback from classes for this meeting:

Can we have crisps or chocolate for break?

The school council decided it would be unwise to allow this option because eating five chocolate bars or bags of crisps in one week could be very bad for our health. We decided a healthier option such as fruit or vegetables would be better. Crisps and chocolate bars are allowed in our lunch boxes but they must be eaten at lunch, not at break time. It was also discussed that only WATER can be put into water bottles... not squash or other sugary drinks. We can drink sugar from such drinks which can then linger on our teeth all day so water is a much healthier choice! The school council decided they would like to start a healthy snacks campaign to ensure all children are on board with this change. Watch this space!

Can we create a Willow Wood football team?

Many children would like to create a Willow Wood football team to compete with other local teams. AH is going to arrange a meeting with MH to talk about the possibilities of this and to investigate further!

3. Improving attendance

The School Council discussed an attendance reward for the children with attendance of 96% or more for the first half term. The council decided on a DVD afternoon reward including a choice of treat from popcorn or a choc-ice. The DVD afternoon will take place on **Friday 1st November** for the winners.

4. Amazon Linking Project

On Monday 4th November, Neil, a visitor from the Amazon Linking Project will be taking the assembly to talk about the project. Willow Wood Primary School are going to create Ebooks about what life is like being a child in Winsford. Similarly, the Amazon children are going to create Ebooks about what life is like living in the Amazon. Neil will then deliver our books to the Amazon on an aeroplane before flying back to England with the books from the Amazon children. For advice and help on creating an Ebook, TG will be able to help you with the I pads. After this assembly, the school council will also be thinking of ideas to help raise money for the Amazon Linking Project. Let your councillors know if you have any ideas!

5. HMI Visit

ST asked the children if anyone spoke to the visitor we had recently from OFSTED. The HMI visitor asked our children lots of questions including:

- What would you like to achieve when you are older?
- What would you like to do when you are older?
- What do you think could be improved on in the school?

The feedback from the HMI visitor was fantastic and ST was very proud of how all the children welcomed our visitor. Our visitor reported back that Willow Wood is improving and becoming an even better school, the children work hard and know their targets. The teachers and staff are all very supportive of the children. Our visitor did think we could work a little bit harder to ensure we are eating healthy food and lots of it. We think we are well on our way to achieving this as we have extra PE lessons, after school clubs and we are looking into creating a football team. With a healthy snacks campaign coming up too, we are already thinking about this thoroughly. ST suggested we investigate visitors coming into our school from Mission Nutrition who could have some fun with us focussing on health. The school council all agreed the children of Willow Wood would enjoy this experience. Some of the things Mission Nutrition do can be found on YouTube by searching Junior Chef's Academy.

6. Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 13th December this year. Every class should start thinking about their ideas for a Christmas stall such as Hook a Duck, Raffle or Whack a Rat. The class must agree on their stall with all other children AND the class teacher.

Next meeting: Friday 8th November at 2pm