

School Council



This term the majority of school council members had never participated before. So a lot of their time has consisted of learning the concept and skills involved. Members had to:

- ◆ Get to know each other and build rapport.
- ◆ Gain understanding and confidence communicating in a group.
- ◆ Learn to listen to each other.
- ◆ Learn about their own and each others skills.
- ◆ Learn to work as a team.
- ◆ Learn about their responsibility to support peers across school.
- ◆ Learn that it is ok to try school council and then communicate that it is not for them - the important thing is to **try**.
- ◆ Overcome anxiety at doing something different and improve their confidence.
- ◆ Feel confident and empowered to use of all these new skills.



This has brought many successes.

In July the natural group leaders left school, giving opportunity for others to step forward with leadership skills, supporting younger or less confident pupils.

Classes have embraced the team work ethic, some by having two representatives who shared the workload.

White Class have been making and sharing biscuits every week and FE have continued to provide school council with drinks and fruit. This is very much appreciated by all. Thank you.

Pupils' polite, respectful and mature behaviour has been impeccable during meetings and other activities.

Practical work has involved many charity projects, Jeans for Genes, Children in Need and Christmas Jumper Day. School Council have excelled with new ideas and enthusiasm for these events, with some pupils taking the lead entirely on Children in Need.

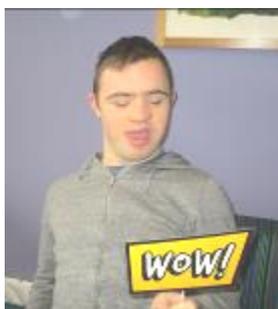
All classes have supported and been involved in these special days, as well as Tracey our cook, making cakes and biscuits for school council to sell. Thank you everyone.



Primary Winner
Sophia



Secondary Winner
Casey



Thank you to all parents and carers for sending your kind donations in with your children and supporting school council's charity work. They really enjoy this work, especially getting the total at the end of the day and seeing how much money we have raised.



Other work has included interviewing new teachers, which can be nerve wracking, but pupils are always clear on who they think should get the job!

School Council have brought many discussion points to the table this term, including:

			
 tea coffee for staff	 swap shop	 no uniform	 pudsey competition

			
 scooter	 footballs	 books for leisure	 trampoline
 bench cushion	 clocks	 problems	 school dinner
 temperature	 update signs	 finding lost resources	 respect each other

They have negotiated with Justin and been successful in ensuring we have, or are working towards their requests.



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School council have decorated our Christmas tree, which was kindly donated by Bakers of Oakley in memory of Anne who supported pupils as an LSA for many years.

All pupils enjoy the sensory elements of the tree, whether it is touching the branches, seeing the lights and decorations, or the smell of a real fir tree.

