



# Pupil Parliament Newsletter

## Autumn 2016



Written by committee members for pupils and parents.

### Pupil Voice

We started the year by looking at the success of the handwriting pens and lockers. We found out from our classes that they liked them better than the old pens and cloakrooms, especially the lockers as they are keeping their coats and bags tidy and safe.

Our team has been working to improve safety around the school environment. We used maps and took different trips around the school to find areas to improve. We found that we needed to look at the playground during breaks, lighting in the canteen, wooden beams in the cloakrooms and the tidiness of the corridors as well as other things. We then had a meeting with Mr Denchfield to ensure that these areas could be improved and all our ideas were agreed.

To support Children in Need we organised a 'Crazy Hair' day and a cake sale. We would like to thank all those who donated cakes, it was wonderful of you. Altogether we raised £651.55!



**Members:** Jack, Lucy, George, Ruby, David, Rose, Bethany, Blake, Theo, Tasmia, Ruby, Faraz, Charlie, Sasha, Jamie, Ebony, Chloe, Lucy, Jenson and Maisie.

### Learning Environment Committee

During this half term we have focussed on each classroom's learning journey walls for which we had to visit each classroom. We worked hard to evaluate displays and work out what would help us to learn best in the classroom. We worked together to make a checklist of essentials for each classroom as well as an evaluation form.



We have also designed and put up posters around the school to promote good manners which was our focus for this term.

**Members:** Daisy, Cameron, Amber, Nathan, Aarav, Katie, Abi, Keira, Anna, Sydnie and Rebecca.

### Resolution Rangers

This term we have taken part in five workshops that have taught us how to solve friendship difficulties in the playground. We have talked about feelings, the importance of listening and we have role played different friendship difficulties that might happen in school. We have worked hard to learn a set of questions that will help our friends solve any problems that they may have. We also voted to have caps that we will wear in the playground so that other children know who to ask when they need help.



**Members:** Sienna, Thomas, Joseph, Lexie, Joshua, Ruby, Acer, Amellia, Semi, Charlie, Daniel, Sydney, Charlie, Isabel, Isabella and Cain.

### Curriculum Team



Our focus for this half term has been investigate the topics that each year learn about. We worked together to explain what we like about them and how we think they could be improved. We traffic lighted each topic: green if we loved it, amber if it could be improved slightly and red if we really didn't like it at all. We then recorded what we liked and how each topic could be improved. We are now going to give this information to our teachers to help them plan our future topics.

**Members:** Teddy, Dulcie, Jenson, Katya, Dilpreet, Chidera, Joseph, Funmisho, Zane, Chiosm.

### Travel Ambassadors

We have worked hard to promote walking to school and are testing out pedometers for a competition next term. On 24<sup>th</sup> November, we went to Hilldene Primary school where we met with other ambassadors. This focussed on 'Be Bright, Be Safe' to look at how we can travel safely both when crossing the road and the clothes that we wear. We are going to organise an assembly for after Christmas and we are thinking about hold a competition to 'bling' your bag so that you can be easily seen when travelling.



**Members:** Erin, Lucy, Promise and Joseph.

### Eco Committee



This term we have been busy writing letters to our local B & Q and Homebase asking for donations to help us improve the appearance of the school. Mr Bains and Mr Haynes worked with us to move some of the big planters into the Junior playground and have filled them with earth. Unfortunately, they took up so much earth that we have had to order some more before we can plant in them. We have bought some plants and are looking forward to planting them after Christmas.

**Members:** Zain, Jasmine, Shaathijan, Zachary, Eleanor, John, Alexandra, Alex, Charlie and Matthew.

### Full Parliament Assembly

All the committees met as a full parliament to discuss the work that has been achieved this term.



We then held a full school assembly to tell everyone how each group has worked to improve Benhurst Primary School. We are very proud of what we have achieved together!

### Finally

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. Don't forget to contact a parliament member if you have any ideas or problems that you would like to raise.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!

