



Pupil Parliament Newsletter

Autumn 2017



Written by committee members for pupils and parents.

Pupil Voice

From our raised money, we have successfully funded the resources for the lunchtime clubs which include: board games, construction, puzzles, card games and colouring. These are being enjoyed by children throughout the school each day.



We have been working hard to understand what it means to work independently and what resources we could use to help us do this.

We have developed lists of different books and items and have put them in order of priority.

We are now going to meet with Mrs Garratty to discuss which resources we want to buy for maths and English.



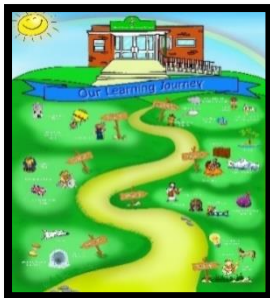
We worked with Mr Denchfield on the new logo for our school uniform which will show our core values as well as the Benhurst bull and they are now available to buy.

To support Children in Need we organised a 'Student and Teacher' swap and a cake sale. We would like to thank all those who donated money and cakes, it was wonderful of you and we raised £686.70!

Members: Semi, Kayla, Sydney, Harris, Dilpreet, Alena, Alexia, Chidera, Eleanor, Alfie, Lexie, Lily-Mae, Christina, Zane, Elizabeth, Lewis, Holden, Yana, Arlind, and Isabella.

Learning Environment Committee

We have been looking at improving the learning environment around the school. So far, our focus has been on improving handwriting. We met as a team and decided that children should keep their pen license and those who have not received their pen license should continue to work hard to achieve it. We have ordered handwriting stickers for teachers to help children to write neatly. We plan to allocate jobs to different members of our team to continue to improve handwriting. Watch this space!



Members: Amber, Thomas, Jaheda, Alice, Sienna, Trinity, Ava, Enrico, Frankie, Jeanelle, Eliza and Tigerlily

Eco Committee



This term we have formed a new Eco-Committee. With the help of Mr Keeley, we have arranged for the planters in the playground to be emptied and replanted. The planters at the Warren Drive entrance have also been replanted and will provide a cheerful start to your day in the spring term once they start flowering. In order to look after these plants, we have produced a watering timetable which will be displayed on the Eco-Committee board. We are looking forward to planting up the vegetable beds in the spring term and will be conducting a survey of what we should grow. In the meantime, we will be further researching what else we need to do to gain our Bronze award. Keep looking out for more updates!

Members: Samuel, Joshua, Bella, Gracie-May, Beau, Sydnie, Chloe and Aarav.

Resolution Rangers

This term, we have been learning more about our role as Resolution Role Models. We took part in a training session with Joanne Brown who works for Havering and leads this approach in lots of schools. She spoke to us about the different emotions that people can feel. We then talked about good listening skills which are so important as a Resolution Role Model. After that, we completed some role play of different situations that could come up in the playground. She helped us to understand what to do in these situations and when to ask an adult to support us.



Mr Denchfield's Dad has also finished painting a mural of the questions which we ask to help solve disagreements in the playground. This is displayed in the KS2 playground and even features some of last year's Resolution Role Models, it's fantastic!

Members: Daniel, Freddie, Tallulah, Meda, Nyriah, Lily, Zachary, Harry, Joseph, A.J, Liberty, Amna, Jenson, Jessica and Daison.

Curriculum Team

This term, we have been discussing the special weeks we have throughout the year such as Being British Week and Cultural Week. We discussed the activities that we currently include in these weeks and suggested some new activities which we think would make these weeks even better. These ideas have been passed onto our teachers for them to consider when planning these special weeks. We were also asked to complete a review of our feedback policy. Mrs Hart asked us to think about the marking codes we see in our books such as pink highlighter. We talked about what each code means and which we find the most useful. We even got the chance to say how we would improve our marking codes. These ideas will be shared with the school leadership team and staff who will think about our suggestions when the feedback policy is reviewed.



Members: David, Katya, Tasmia, Keira, Scarlett, Funmisho, Sidney and Alex.

Travel Ambassadors

We are the JTAs and that means 'Junior Travel Ambassadors' and we are Dunjoyin, Jayah, Akasha, Anna, Amy, Rylie and Miss Young. Elaine also comes in to speak to us every now and then. Elaine is the Road Safety Officer for Havering. When we first met Elaine, she gave us our JTA badges and a bag full of goodies like high visibility jackets and pens.

This term, we have been learning about seatbelts and why it is really important to wear them. We have made loads of posters about seatbelts and they are on display around the school. At the moment, we are preparing a KS2 assembly about the importance of seatbelts and how dangerous it is to not buckle up every time you go in a car!



Members: Dunjoyin, Jayah, Akasha, Anna, Rylie, Amy

LIFE Ambassadors



As Life Ambassadors, we work closely with Frances Bardsley and The Bridge on specific projects. Recently, we hosted a meeting at Benhurst with all three schools to talk about what we are going to be working on. To support Frances Bardsley, we made postcards to give out at train stations to make people happy on their journey to work.



We held a Harvest assembly where we talked about the importance of food and we then

donated our Harvest festival food to the local food bank. We have decided that we want to support the Guide Dogs and have begun by donating all the Christmas performance donations to the charity which raised an amazing £530! We are writing to them to find out more about what they do and how we can support them. We hope to meet them in the Spring term. Look out for more information after Christmas!

Members: David, Rose, Jenson, Charlie, Bethany, Freddie, Ruby, Tasmia, Zachary and James.

Full Parliament Assembly



In December, we held our end of term assembly where we explained what we had been working on to the whole school. We really enjoyed it and got asked lots of questions!

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!

