



Pupil Parliament Newsletter

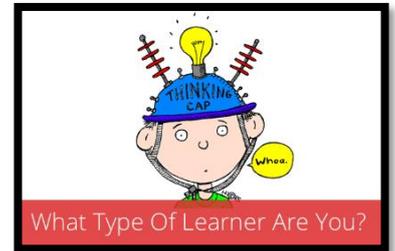
Spring 2019



Written by committee members for pupils and parents.

Pupil Voice

As the new Pupil Voice team, we reviewed the work that had been carried out in the Autumn term. We have taken the definitions of each learning behaviour to our class to ensure that they are clear for everyone to understand before being finalised. We have begun to look at how we will carry out our work across the school so that we can support all children in developing their skills to become the best they can be. We have met with Miss Portch, Miss Young and Miss Graves to discuss our plans and the ideas that they have in order to promote this in class as well as in assembly. We are next meeting with Mr Denchfield to promote learning behaviours.



We held our yearly spellathon event which saw a fantastic increase in all spelling knowledge from the first spelling test that reception had taken to the mighty year 6 SATs words. This event was a brilliant success and raised £1310 to support our work on learning behaviours. We also

had the pleasure of watching our teachers eat doughnuts without using their hands during assembly.

On the 15th of March we dressed in red to support Comic Relief and raised over £310. We had a very entertaining day as we held joke competitions and the winners from each class performed in assembly.



Members: Maddison, Harry, Scarlett, Edison, Danny, Elsie, Maya, Skye, Bardh Ella, Sydney Reece, Jamie, Funmisho, Larna, Zac, Ria, George, Teddy and Shaathijan.

Eco Committee



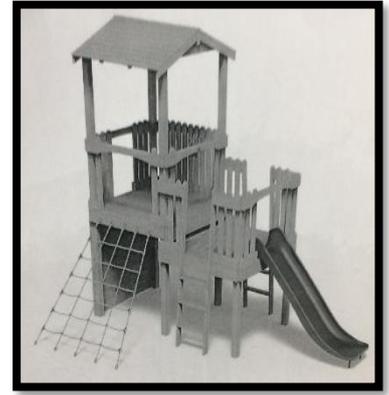
Since returning after Christmas, we received news that not only had we won the bid for £750 from Havering Green Schools but that the Friends of Benhurst had also given us £2000 towards different types of bins as well as to purchase equipment to start a vegetable growing project.

As a committee we are investigating the First News Wonderful World Pledge to see how we could promote this across the school. We like the idea of the pledge as if everyone makes little changes, together we could make a big difference.

Members: Jack, Beau, Keenan, Thomas, Aaron, Amy, Lily May, Keiron Tigerlily and Arthur.

Learning Environment Committee

As a committee, we have met to discuss the developments for the KSI playground as the Friends of Benhurst have allocated a large sum of money for an additional play structure. We met with pupils from Year 2 to discuss ideas from their Science learning for a design for a play structure. We then met with



Tom from Sovereign Designs who listened to our research and went away to create a design based on our ideas. In April, the structure was built in the KSI playground and the children are enjoying playing on it during their breaks!

We were also given the task of coming up with ideas to improve the toilets in the KS2

corridor. We met with Mr Bains to discuss our ideas and work with him to create designs for new and improved toilets.

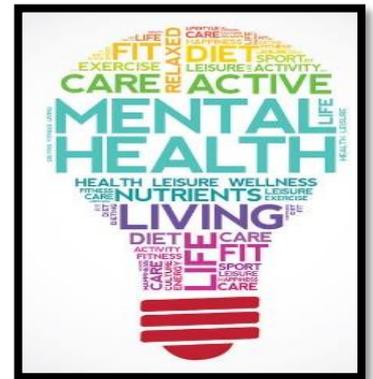
Our next job is looking at handwriting across the school and thinking of ways we can make it even better!



Members: Amy, Dilpreet, Ellena-Rose, Sasha, Zehra, Maisie, Isabel, Jeanelle, Eliza and Ben.

LIFE Ambassadors

This term, we are looking at mental health and wellbeing and what it actually means to have good mental health. We are investigating the different types of strategies that we can develop and the many activities that we can take part in in order to be our best. We are working to plan a day in the summer term where everyone we will focus on their mental health and



wellbeing. Miss Portch is going to carry out assemblies to talk about what it means and we are going to organise lots of different activities including different sports, board games, art, reading, mindfulness activities and music for everyone to try out.

In April, we met with Rachel Grimwood from Bardsley to organise other projects for the summer term including a tea party for small groups within our school community.

Members: Tasmia, James, Dilpreet, Zachary, Ruby, Rosa, Joseph, Charlotte, Scarlett and Sydney.

Travel Ambassadors



This term, we have begun a 'Golden Lock' competition. This requires us, during the week, to randomly place a golden lock on a bike or scooter that someone has travelled to school on. When the lock has been found they will receive a certificate and 20 team points, then the competition will begin again

for another winner. In the next few weeks, we will be taking an assembly to explain the competition to the school in order to encourage more children to ride their bikes or scooters to school.



Members: Poppy, Chisolm, Jannah, Harry, AJ, Lexie, Jess and Taylor.

Curriculum Team

We have been focussed on the development of the Benhurst Pledge. We met and explored many examples of a school creed. We decided to write a pledge that was short, easy to learn and most importantly meaningful to everyone at Benhurst and would be said by everyone in assembly.



We are now looking at the sentence type posters that are



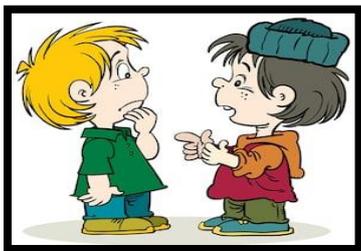
displayed in every classroom. We use them to help us with our writing but we are going to update them to make sure that they use the correct vocabulary and to model new examples. These will then replace the old posters when they go up on display in the summer term.

The school is also looking at ways to improve the school curriculum and the Curriculum Team will be called upon to help the staff with this too!

Members: Rebecca, Liberty, Mia, Ella, Christina, Lucy, Ishan, Leon, Godsreal, Sophie N, Tasmia, Katie, Chidera, Grace, Jenson, Niranjana, Malaikah, Isabella, Evie and Ollie.

Resolution Role Models

This term, we have been having weekly training sessions with Joanne Brown who works for



Havering and leads this approach in lots of schools. She worked with us to understand the different emotions that people can feel in a range of situations. We then talked about good listening skills which are important as a Resolution Role Model. We have been acting out different scenarios that could come up in the playground so that we understand how to tackle a mixture of

situations ourselves and know when we need to ask an adult to support us.

Members: Heidi, Anna, John, Eboni, Thomas, Zane, Simone, Laura, Alice, Mason, Erik, Jack and Sam.

Full Parliament



In March, we had to present all of our work so far this year to the governors. Next week, we are holding our end of term assembly where we will be explaining what we have been working on and our plans for the summer term.

Finally

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support for without you a lot of our work would not be possible. 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 Easter!

