

School Council Minutes 18.10.19
Present: Mr Dutton, Mr Francois-Williams & School Councillors

School Councillors	
Year 6	MD, IG, OM, ODJ
Year 5	HG, EW
Year 4	YK, DW, MS, AG
Year 3	ML, OD

Mr Dutton and Mr Francois-Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were two items on the agenda before councillors looked at the suggestions from the suggestion box.

- School Lunches** – ISS Catering staff have been invited to attend a School Council meeting later this term. A discussion was had about possible questions to ask at this meeting.
ACTION – School Councillors to discuss with their classes about possible questions to ask at this meeting. These questions will be discussed at the next meeting to then ask ISS Catering.
- School Council Badges** – School councillors have not got their badges yet.
ACTION – Mr Dutton to check with Mrs Lowe to see if she has them. If not, Mr Dutton will order more.

Suggestion Box

There were 5 items in the suggestion box which were reviewed.

Suggestion	Discussion and action
Can we have more sports days?	School councillors tried to work out whether they wanted more sports days at Kingsmeadow or more sporting events throughout the year. It is difficult to have another sports day at Kingsmeadow as it is expensive and it would take away the excitement of doing it once a year. We cannot enter more competitions outside of school because they are controlled by someone outside of the school. However, Mr Francois-Williams asked the children if they would like an inter-school tournament, which councillors felt would be a great idea. ACTION Discuss in class which sports you would like to play in the inter-school competitions.
Can we have more PE please?	School councillors felt that this was dealt with in the previous question.
Can we have some more balls for the playground?	Councillors thought that this question was an old one as there are more balls and a new trolley to hold them. They felt there were enough balls and equipment to play with at lunchtimes. Mr Francois-Williams said that some balls and equipment had already gone missing which was sad to see. Councillors have seen children hide balls and throw them on the roof and lost them. ACTION Remind children that they are not allowed to throw balls on the roof or hide them for later in the day.
Can we eat outside more?	Councillors felt that this should remain in the summer term for packed lunches as they felt it is too cold in autumn and spring terms. It is also too difficult for children with hot dinners to manage to carry their lunch outside without spilling some of it. They also felt that it would attract birds and insects.
Can anyone go on the trim trail?	The councillors felt that the trim trail is a wonderful resource to have and that it would be too unsafe to have everybody play on it without a rota. There could be lots of accidents and arguments too.

A.O.B.

1. Some children would like to have more background subjects – Mr Dutton explained that the timetable already includes all the subjects that have to be taught. Children discussed that there are lots of clubs that children could go to to experience other subjects in more detail.
2. Year 6 children and reception buddies – children felt that this is a wonderful thing to do and Year 6 children are enjoying being buddies to reception children. They discussed that they should reduce their contact throughout the year to enable the younger children to play with other children and form other friendships.
3. Queuing up at lunchtimes was raised with Mr Dutton to speak to Sue about the process to see if it can be improved.

Date for next meeting: **Friday 8th November 2019**