

School Council:

The School Council at St Mary's perform an important role within the school and their views and input is greatly appreciated. The role of the School Council members is to communicate the views and ideas of their peers and feedback to them after meetings. Members are made up from representatives from each class in Years 1 to 6, who meet regularly with Miss Dineen to discuss a range of issues to help improve the school. They also decide on which charities the school should support, promote a variety of fundraising events throughout the year and meet a range of special visitors. We are very proud of how these children, chosen by their peers, are helping shape our school!

School Council 2016 -2017



Members:

C- Daniel, Isabelle

D- Daniel, Nola

E- Molly, Phillip

F- Lucila, Joshua

G- Theo, Evie

H- Evelyn, Charles

L-Lottie, Lewis

J- Jayden, Olivia

K- Jacob, Lauren

L- Kamen, Sherley

M- Connor (Chair), Oliver (Vice Chair), Connie

N- Raphael, Abigail, Suranne

The older school councillors (Year 5 and 6) will help support the younger councillors.

Autumn Term:

Since their classmates appointed this year's councillors, the group have been busy establishing a dynamic team to achieve great things in the coming year. The children have encouraged classmates to design and submit badge designs to represent this year's council. We voted for the design we felt represented our ethos and us. We chose a design by Jessica in Year 6.

Based on discussions and submissions into our suggestion boxes we shared some new and innovative idea to make our time at St. Marys better for all of us. Many suggestions were about improving our playground, introducing new topic days and extending our range of extra- curricular clubs. As a result Miss Dineen spoke to Mrs Jackson and other teachers in the school. MRs Turpin is researching new playground equipment, football trials have been opened to more children, girls football has started, and parent/ child questionnaires have been carried out to see which clubs we would most like to start. Miss Jackson is looking into the logistics of a homework club and providing access to the ICT suite for those who don't have this facility at home. Mrs Wyld liked that we were interested in a music week, exploring lots of different areas of music and is currently planning this. As a council we are going to help organise an International day, to run alongside the Food and Fellowship event organised by Mrs Arundell. We also asked for a kitchen for us to use as part of our FT studies, and wrote a letter to local business to see if they could assist us in any way. Mrs Harkin thanked us for our help with this. We restructured our council to appoint a chair and vice chair from Year 6, and were visited my Mrs Gosbee, one of our governors, who explained more about this structure and how the governors at our school operate. Many of our classmates were interested in First Aid after seeing lots about it on the news, Miss Dineen listened to our suggestions and was able to organise First Aid workshops for all junior children which will take place next half term.



We also spoke to our classmates about which local charities are important to us. During Christmas, we decided to donate money to Demelza and McMillan. We collected donations at both the infant nativity and the junior carol concert. We also raised money for Save the Children by organising the schools participation in Christmas Jumper Day. The School Council, helped by Lind, also organised a 'Giving Tree' in the school entrance hall during Advent. Lots of our friends thought about things they could do to help others and shared their ideas by completing labels for our tree.

The School Council, supported by Miss Dineen, have had a great first term and are looking forward to continuing to improve our school during the rest of the year!