



Speenhamland Primary School

office@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust.org

www.speenhamlandprimary.co.uk

@speenhamlandsch

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER Spring 2023



WE ASPIRE
WE CHALLENGE
WE SUPPORT

WE ASPIRE, WE CHALLENGE, WE SUPPORT

Dear All

Another busy term for our school councillors, where once again they have shown dedication to their tasks in improving the school for everyone..

The spring's focus was safeguarding and it was launched with an assembly in class led by your councillor.

School Councillors had worked hard to understand what safeguarding is and what it means:

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

It means:

- Protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- Preventing harm to children's health or development
- Ensuring children grow up with safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

We agreed as a school that

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

Following a survey in each class, it was clear that pupils at our school know who our safeguarding lead and officers were and who they could speak to when they didn't feel safe.

However several classes reported that an area that they often didn't feel safe on was the grids.

School councillors observed the grids for a week and spoke to lots of children. It was clear that it was difficult to use the grids as a pathway to the toilets and have games being played.

As a result of these observations and discussions, the grids are now used only for games to be played, and access to the toilets is through the main building.

A litter pick class competition was also launched in January and congratulations to Acer class for collecting over a kilogram of rubbish.

A wider variety of games were also arranged on the grids and the Sports and House Captains have been helping Mrs Monckton organise these.

School Council surgery remains a popular place to make your suggestions for improvements as well as the school council boxes in each classroom.

School Council Surgery will move outside during the summer term, on the bench by the Adventure Playground.

Don't forget School Council Surgery.

Come and speak to us on the bench by the Adventure Playground.



WE ASPIRE

WE CHALLENGE

WE SUPPORT

School Council at SPEENHAMLAND



S

chool Councillors ended the term by working with Gemma Kirby, an Education and Community Practitioner who works at the Corn Exchange, as well as an artist in the community. For the King's Coronation, Gemma is creating a "Children's Royal Charter" piece of artwork that will be displayed at the Corn Exchange during the coronation week.

She spent 20 minutes with the school council discussing what they would do if they were King/Queen - what they would like to see in the local community or how they would like to make the world a better place.

Using the information gained from the councillors, Gemma will create this art work which we will then be able to display within our school.



We are keen to continue the good work next term and here are a few of our plans for the summer term.

- Helping plan and organise a celebration for the Coronation of King Charles
- Support FOSS with the Summer Fayre
- Identify what it is like to be a pupil at Speenhamland.

However, if there is something else you would like discussed let us know at a School Council surgery.

WE ASPIRE, WE CHALLENGE, WE SUPPORT