

## St. George's Primary School Council

The School Council is a body of children from Year 1 to Year 6. They are voted onto the Council by their own class during the September elections.

Teachers explained to any potential members that they had to be reliable, good listeners and be willing to contribute their time to:

- Be the voice of the children
- Make our school a better place
- Help our school to run smoothly

Tori (Year 4 representative) said, "I thought that I am all of those things so I put my name down. I'm really pleased that I'm on the School Council and enjoy giving up my time to go to meetings and write letters."

This year the Councillors have already been very busy. They meet every week to discuss any issues or ideas that arise from the pupils and staff in their school and they take in turns to lead the sessions.



During one of their first meetings Halle-May (Year 1 representative) said that the children in her class would like more art opportunities. They discussed this with Miss. Thomas (Art leader) and she organised a KS1 and Reception Christmas Art afternoon where parents were invited to participate in fun and creative activities with their child. This event was a great success and both parents and pupils asked for a further event this year.

In October Kayla and Ewan (Year 5 representatives) attended 'Dorset Anti-Bullying and E-Safety conference'. They fed back to the School Council with a PowerPoint presentation that they had created themselves. The Councillors thought that it was important that bullying should be addressed. They requested that, in November, all teachers should plan some special lessons during 'Anti-Bullying Week' so that this issue could be discussed with all pupils. Posters were made by each class and displayed around the school.





During another meeting Isabelle (Year 4 representative) talked about raising money for a charity. The School Council decided to raise money in November for 'Children in Need' with the chosen theme; come to school dressed as a member of staff. There were some surprising similarities between pupils and staff and they raised a total of £428.27.

In November Daniel, Sol and Jennifer (Year 6 representatives) attended Chesil Student Council Conference. They came back to school with numerous ideas and they were most passionate about supporting youngsters with their learning. They have written to Mrs. Restorick (English leader) who has taken on board the idea of 'reading pals' during Book Week in February.



Jennifer (Year 6 representative) suggested that the school should support an animal charity. She argued that, "We do lots of charity work for children and people so I think it would be a good idea to spend some of our budget on an animal." Jennifer suggested that the School Council should sponsor an endangered species, the Snow Leopard, "...because these animals are an important part of our planet." The form has recently been sent off and they are awaiting information so that they can share it with the school.

During the new term the School Council decided to use some of their budget to continue the sponsorship of a child in our Kenyan link school. They are also in the midst of meetings with Miss Moore, our Rights Respecting Schools leader, with the aim to achieve 'The Rights Respecting Schools Award'. Their agenda is full until the Summer Term with teachers wanting their advice and support with E-Safety and fund raising for school sports equipment. They also have lots more ideas about how to raise money for charities and they are looking to bring another event to the school this year. If there are any local charities looking for support they are more than happy to consider fundraising in the Summer.