

School Council meeting minutes 26.1.18

Attendees – Seraphin (7E), Ashea (7L), Haylie (7S), Tiarnie (8) Tristan (Garnet) David (8/9L) Leah (8/9S), Khadija (10M), Jonathan (11A), Ferdi (11M), Chelsy (12/13C), Marcel (12/13 H), Mahir (12/13 JU), John(13/14L), Zac (14K)
Staff - Eileen, Sue and Emma

Eileen welcomed everyone to the meeting:

Friendship Fortnight

The next two weeks will be Friendship Fortnight. This happens every February and is a time when everyone in the school works extra hard at being friendly and nice to one another. There are some special events taking place:

- Thursday – Disco for Key Stage 3
- Friday – Swap Shop, ask parents for clothes, books or games that they would like to swap
- Thursday 8th Feb Singing with Gary in the Atrium

Apart from these events, during Friendship Fortnight everyone should be really working hard to be:

Polite

Respectful

Friendly

We need to remember that we are all equal and saying horrible things hurts people. We need to make people feel welcome at Highshore.

- During the fortnight people can win Highshore School Friendship Badges by talking about a good friend in assembly
- There will be badges for Playground Friends who will be looking out for people who want to play or who want to talk to someone
- There will also be a prize for the friendliest class in the school. This will only be awarded to a class where **all** of the pupils have been friendly

Eileen asked everyone why Friendship Fortnight is a good idea.

Leah said that a lot of people would be horrible if we didn't work on being friends.

School Council Reps have the responsibility to behave how they want other people to behave.

Jonathan said that Teamwork is very important in a school.

Eileen asked people about how it feels if someone calls you a name?

Chelsy said that people feel upset and it can ruin a friendship.

Eileen explained to people that it is breaking the law if you call people a name that says something bad about their race. It is called Hate Crime.

We agreed that everyone is at Highshore School for a reason and everyone has special talents and gifts.

Everyone thought about their own classes and if they are polite respectful and friendly to one another. Leah talked about what happens when new people come into the school they need to be made to feel welcome. John talked about how little bickering and arguments in class can make things difficult for everyone. Eileen said lot of things can happen in classes, such as name calling.

Pupils shared ideas on what we can do to change things:

- Be Kind
- Take Turns
- Share
- Be honest
- No Swearing
- No Pushing
- No Kicking
- Don't wind up people
- Think before you act
- Don't start arguments
- Greet people every morning
- Tell an adult if something goes wrong
- Be mindful
- Don't lie
- Don't lash out
- Be sensible
- Don't tell people to "shut up"
- Don't tolerate racist or homophobic behaviour
- Five a Day Exercise
- Zumba
- Don't be nasty about other people's families or how they look
- Behave appropriately – shake hands

Everyone filled in Speech Bubbles to go on the School Council Board about what makes a good friend and what they can do to be a better friend

Talk to people in private if they are not being friendly, help them to get involved in good things. Eileen reminded people that if you become a Playground Friend you will be giving up your time to make sure other people are OK. It is a responsibility.

We make up our own minds about what to do. We're all trying to be more independent. Remember to be

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Thank you to everyone!