

## School Council Minutes Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

- 1. Playground-Toys-** Mrs O Kane said it was very important that the children look after all the play equipment and School Council agreed. Everyone thought that it getting **more bricks** is a good idea. The FS teachers will investigate **getting milk crates and backdrops for imaginative outdoor play**. Mrs Mc Crum will make new outdoor play rotas and check the equipment in the bunkers. We will remind the buddies to make sure the play equipment is put out (and put away on Fridays.) Mr Doherty and Terry will hopefully get the **basketball nets** sorted for the KS2 playground.
- 2. World Book Day-**There were lots of suggestions on how to celebrate World Book Day. SC were delighted that there are already many exciting things planned for World Book Day. There will be a **reading assembly** and children can **dress up** as their favourite book character. Mrs O Kane has asked SC to remind their classmates not to go to a lot of expense and use clothes they already have in the house! Also children are encouraged to send in a **photograph** of them reading in a **STRANGE** place! And there will be a **Book Sale!**
- 3. Non-Uniform Days-**especially a Movie and PJ day. School Council voted **against** this as many councillors thought that if they were wearing their PJs then they would not be able to play outside.
- 4. Easter Egg Hunt-**Mrs Mc Crum & the P7 School Councillors and buddies said will organise this. It will be held on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. (weather permitting)**
- 5. After School Clubs—**There is already a very full After School timetable. Sorry P4s, SC think you will have to wait to you are P5 before you can have the soccer and Gaelic clubs. There is a new after school drama club on Fridays and this will be offered to P4s.
- 6. Football League-** SC thinks this is a great idea. They suggested that it should be mixed teams and played at break

*time Only the children who really want to play should be put on the teams. Mr Doherty said that he will organise this for after Easter when the weather is better. It will be played in O Donnell Park.*

7. **Talent Show-** *School Council all thought this we should have another talent show. Mrs Mc Crum will speak to the teachers and organise a date after Easter.*
8. **Sensory Room-** *There are free slots available for the Sensory Room. Just check the timetable.*
9. **Happy Boxes-** *for each class just like the worry boxes. This idea came from P4 and School Council thought it was a great idea. It makes us think positive thoughts rather than focus on the worries. School Council would like every class to have a happy box. Mrs Mc Crum said she would discuss with the other teachers.*
10. **Road Safety-** *P6 thank you about your concerns and ideas on how to improve the safety of our roads. Unfortunately, Mrs O Kane explained to School Council that the Board of Governors have tried everything and that the Department of Infrastructure have always turned down the school's suggestions. School Council asked Mrs O Kane if the new signage had helped.*
11. **Summer Fair Day-** *Mrs O Kane told School Council that the Education Authority do not like schools having Bouncy Castles. However, SC have to go back to their classes and think of other activities they would enjoy if we were to have a Summer Fair Day.*
12. **More Competitions** – *Mrs O Kane and SC liked P7's idea of a Healthy Eating Competition. SC then discussed that the dinner hall is too noisy. Some children felt that they had very little time to eat their lunch. Mrs O Kane and Mrs Mc Crum said that they would discuss this with all the staff to see if we can think of ways to make things better.*
13. **Fundraising-** *the profits of the Book Sale will go to those who are experiencing war in their countries-(suggested by P6)*

