

## School Council Meeting via TEAMS Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 1pm

**Attendees: Miss Fassnidge (EYFS Teacher and KS1 Lead)**

**School Council:**

**Year 1 – Noah and Erika**

**Year 2 – Jack and Elsie**

**Year 3 – Kai and Ije**

**Year 4 - Alfie and Madison**

**Year 5 – Lucie and Max**

**Year 6 – Laurence and Yananai**

**Minutes: Mrs C Green (Admin Assistant)**

Miss Fassnidge opened the meeting and explained the meeting would focus on the school closure and wellbeing, we would discuss the problems and things we are finding difficult and then tips to help you feel happier and resolve the problems.

Firstly, each year group discussed the difficulties of the school closure:

### Year 6

Yananai fed back the following points from her class:

- Background noise from other people's house makes it difficult to hear and concentrate
- Pupils are 'tired' of pressing the 'mute' button
- All work feels like home work – feel like there is no 'down time'

Linking into the last point, Miss Fassnidge asked the **children is it is hard to be surrounded by 'nice things' that you cannot enjoy while learning online?** And the children replied **'yes'**.

- Some children have said they now ask for help when they need it, this is a positive point from Year 6

### Year 5

Lucie did not speak to her class before the meeting, she fed back her points:

- Would really like more 'arty' projects away from the screen, the screen time makes her eyes tired.

Miss Fassnidge agreed with was a good idea and a discussion took place around the children enjoying 'social time; on the screen so they need to have some learning away from the screen. **Miss Fassnidge asked if Fun Friday has helped** and all the children replied 'Yes'.

#### Year 4

Madison fed back the following points from her class:

- Extensions can be tricky and not always time to complete the learning.
- Need more time to see friends online. – Social Time had been trialed but it did not work very well.

Miss Fassnidge **asked do have any 'Social Session'** ideas? the children replied '**Not yet**'.

- Lucy suggested wearing different hat every day as she had done one week,  
**ACTION: Miss Fassnidge will feed this back to staff as an idea.**

Alfie fed back the following point from class:

- Children would like a meeting to talk to friends after their learning
- It is easier to meet in small groups rather than the whole class

#### Year 3

Ije fed back the following points from class:

- Class have difficulty getting into the TEAMS meeting, waiting in the waiting room.

Miss Fassnidge assured the group the teachers do not 'leave them in the waiting room', occasionally the numbers do not come up on screen to be let into the meeting, a solution to this is to log out of TEAMS and log back in.

Kai fed back the following points from class:

- Before the Maths sessions we should do exercise, we only do it once a week and it should be at least twice a week, it is difficult not having movement breaks.

**ACTION: A discussion took place around break times when the children return to school, Miss Fassnidge confirmed there are discussions taking place around break times and she will feed back to the children when more has been agreed.**

## Year 2

Elsie did not speak to her class before the meeting, she made the following points:

- Sitting still for so long can be tricky.

Miss Fassnidge assure the children they are all working so hard, **is it difficult with siblings who are also trying to work?** The group replied 'Yes'.

## Year 1

Erika and Noah feedback the following points from their class:

- Some children cannot change their background and they would like too.

Miss Fassnidge explained some devices do not allow the option to change your background, a great idea could be to draw your own background.

- Miss fun times with friends.
- It is hard only seeing friends online, not in 'real life.'
- Not being able to share ideas with talk partners.

The meeting moved onto discussing the tips the children had to help resolve the problems that had been discussed and any other ideas and positive comments:

## Year 1

Noah

- Zoom playdates.
- Maths is fun.
- Enjoy online learning and pleased they can learn while school is closed.
- Art and Science learning away from the screen is fun
- Some pupils love to learn online.

## Year 2

Elsie

- It is really helpful when the screen is shared so the learning is in front of you and on screen.
- Would like to be connected with a friend.

## Year 3

Kai

- Say 'hi' to friends over the fence or from a distance when you see them.

- Stay in a routine – this is really important – Miss Fassnidge agreed the importance of a routine.

Ije

- Play Times Tables Rockstars with a friend.

#### Year 4

Madison

- Keeping active and going outside when you can

Alfie

- Ringing friends to keep in touch

#### Year 5

Lucie

- FaceTime best friends.
- Play the same game as a friend on FaceTime e.g. if you both have guess who, connect four, noughts and crosses etc.

#### Year 6

Yananai

- Playing on FaceTime and playing roblox with friends online.

Laurence

- Playing with friends online.
- Photography.
- Football.

Miss Fassnidge was really impressed with all the fabulous tips and asked **can we share these ideas with the school as a document called 'Tips from the school council for keeping happy and connected?'** – The group all **said 'Yes'**

**ACTION : Mrs Green to type the document and post on Class Dojo**

A discussion took place around the difficulty of reducing screen time, **ACTION: Miss Fassnidge understands why they all want to reduce screen time and will feed back in the staff meeting.**

The school councilors had been amazing at coming up with hints and tips to resolve the problems of lockdown, the following actions would be made to resolve the outstanding concerns:

**ACTION – Miss Fassnidge to feed back at staff meeting - the extensions can be tricky and not always enough time to complete learning (Year 4).**

**ACTION – Background noise – School, council to feedback to classes to remind them to use the 'mute' button, if possible use a different room.**

**AOB:**

Madison has suggested ART club could be on after school as a virtual club? **ACTION: Miss Fassnidge will feed this back in staff meeting but also noted this would mean more screen time and we are trying to move away from more screen time.**

Lucy suggested a school council newsletter – **ACTION: Miss Fassnidge to add this to the agenda for the next meeting.**