

# Bearwood School Council

## *Article 12*

*You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.*

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### **This is what we talked about:**

- **Safeguarding**
- Loose plank on the brown gate into the playground.
- Please don't go in the brambles. It is not safe.
- Pot hole outside year 5 next to Orchard.
- Loose plank over sand pit by circle.
- There are concerns that the new gym will need to be used safely before school before staff are outside. We will need to work to ensure all adults and children understand the behaviour expectations.
  
- **Healthy Schools Funding**
- We have been given £2000 as a school to use to improve young people's physical & mental health. For example, the funding could be used for:
  - Refurbishment or building of:
    - Changing rooms
    - Sports halls
    - Teaching & catering kitchens
    - Dining spaces
    - Spaces for mental health support
  - Creation or renovation of:
    - Garden spaces for growing produce
    - Playgrounds & active play spaces
    - Sports pitches
  - Modification of facilities to improve accessibility for pupils with disabilities, such as:
    - Adaptations to cooking facilities
    - Adaptations to changing room facilities
    - Wheelchair-accessible paths & planters in garden spaces
  - Provision of equipment, such as:
    - Permanent goalposts
    - Outdoor table tennis tables
    - Gym equipment
    - Cookers, fridges & freezers
    - Bike stands
  - Others:
    - Water fountains
    - Playground markings
    - Cooking equipment
    - Gardening planters & equipment
    - Fixed sports equipment
- Y6 suggested renovating the Orchard and introducing new fruit trees and plants. Children feel we need more things to do in there - at the moment the area is not being well used.
- School council suggested repainting the netball court.

- Children are keen for monkey bars. We decided to investigate but think it is too expensive.
- In the next meeting, School Council will review the garden area and playground to see the best way to use the money.
- **House Assembly**
- This will be on the first Friday after half term.
  
- **Easter Inter-house Competition**
- School Council suggested;
- Hard boiled eggs for each child to decorate.
- Children to bring in things from home to decorate eg. googly eyes, pens, glitter glue.
- Each house has to present their eggs in a basket they make during the afternoon. There will be catwalk where the house captains walk their house's eggs in front of the school.
- Houses to have points deducted if they smash their eggs.
- Clear behaviour expectations will be needed.
- Winning house members each get a Crème Egg and one child wins a raffle prize (chocolate rabbit or a gift card)
  
- **Recycling Review**
- We will soon be recycling batteries in the Office. Please raise awareness and start collecting at home in the boxes you will be receiving.
  
- **Environment Award**
- We have been sent new criteria to renew this year's award. Please look at with your class and see if there are things we can tick off as already having done.
- Please complete a pledge of something you can do to help the environment; write this on a leaf (enclosed with minutes is a leaf template for every child; these will be displayed outside of Maple 1)

**This week we decided on...**

- Spending money on the Orchard and the playground markings.

**In class council can you discuss....**

- What you can pledge to help improve the environment
- Ideas that might improve the school garden and how these could be used in learning time.

Thank you