

STAMFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL REVIEW

2023 - 2024



AIMS OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

- To give the pupils of Stamford Park Primary School a voice in the running of the school.
- To devise initiatives to improve the school environment 'making it a better place for all the children and adults'.
- To help people in our local community 'by giving our time, energy and help to the people who need it.'

THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT



RAISING FUNDS TO IMPROVE THE PLAYGROUND

- The School Council met to discuss the improvements which the children would like to see happen in our playgrounds.
- These included:
 - trim trails
 - new sports equipment
 - friendship areas
 - mindfulness gardens
 - planting 'empty spaces'.
- We passed our findings onto Mr. Smith.
- Also, as a result Mr. Hines completed an application for a Tesco grant which is currently being reviewed. It could help us to raise up to £1500 towards improving the school grounds.

DOG FOULING INITIATIVE

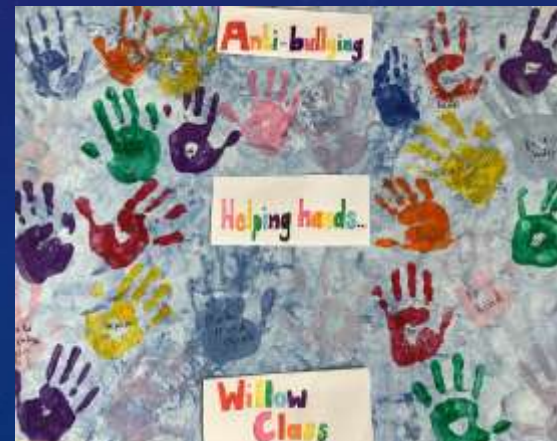
- In response to a letter from a parent to Mrs. Price, observing the high frequency of dog fouling surrounding the school, the children were asked to look at the problem.
- The School Council decided that making posters to laminate and display around the school perimeter was the answer to this.
- The children felt that if the posters were amusing, they might have more impact.
- Slogans included 'Pick up your poo, the school is not a doggy loo!'
- We have noticed a reduction in dog fouling since the campaign started.

SCHOOL MEALS INITIATIVE

- The children met with Rose, the school cook, to develop a wider selection of food for our lunchtime menu.
- This was initiated by the high proportion of food waste that was being generated.
- The children suggested the following:
 - a greater choice at the salad bar
 - a wider variety of meals in the three week rotation
 - higher frequency of popular meals
- As a result, left over items are available the next day in the salad bar.
- Four new types of lunches introduced into the three weekly rotation, such as sausage pasta.
- Greater choice on a daily basis, such as home made soup being offered in the Winter.

ANTI-BULLYING POSTER

- The School Council helped to deliver an 'anti-bullying poster' to Altrincham Train Station made by the children of Stamford Park Primary School.
- The poster was made for the 'Friends of Altrincham Interchange' to display on the platform edge.
- It had been put together from ideas from each year group during anti-bullying week, which was organised by Mrs. Southworth.
- Now, everyone who passes our poster will realise what a caring and kind school we are.



Own clothes day

CHILDREN IN NEED

- The School Council delivered an assembly informing the children about the benefits of supporting 'Children in Need' day.
- The children detailed all the ways in which this wonderful charity could help the children in our own school.
- Children brought in a donation for the charity in exchange for wearing clothes with 'spots or stripes'.
- We raised £437.36 from 'own clothes day donations'.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Pebble painting

- The School Council children also volunteered their time to paint pebbles in their lunch breaks.
- These were sold afterschool by the School Council children to families from the school.
- We raised £67 pounds for 'Children in Need' by selling the pebbles.
- Any pebbles which were left over were donated to Mr. Whitehead's 'Art Corridor' to improve our school environment.



THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



HALE CROFT GRANGE CARE HOME

Making Christmas wreaths

- At the beginning of December, the School Council children made some Christmas wreaths during two of our meetings.
- Mr. Hines dropped the wreaths off at Hale Croft Grange Care Home as presents for the elderly gentleman and ladies who live there.
- The staff and residents were very grateful of our efforts and said that 'the wreaths would brighten the place up'.



HALE CROFT GRANGE CARE HOME

New menu taste test

- The School Council children were invited to Hale Croft Grange Care Home to help to devise a new 'Summer Menu' for the residents.
- The children were blindfolded (if happy to...) and tasted a range of new foods which the cooks were proposing for the elderly residents' future meals.
- Among the things which the children tasted were, vegetable soup, different types of fruit, ice cream and a strange minty dessert that we had tasted somewhere before...
- The cooks tricked the children by serving them...

toothpaste!!!



RADIO ALTRINCHAM

The radio assembly

- Peter and Elysia from 'Radio Alty' came in to deliver an assembly, encouraging the children to consider a career in radio.
- They talked about the technical aspects of being a radio broadcaster and the differences which they can make as a volunteer to the local community.
- The School Council arranged, introduced and hosted the event.



RADIO ALTRINCHAM

The radio show

- Peter kindly invited us to take part in his show 'Pastries in the Morning'.
- The idea of the show was to celebrate all the amazing work completed by the school council during this academic year.
- We also wanted to raise the profile of the school in the local community, creating a positive image, as the numbers of children in some year groups are below capacity.



ALTRINCHAM SCHOOL COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Our first meeting

- Mr. Hines arranged the very first Altrincham 'School Council Conference', which took place in April 2024.
- Our friends at Altrincham Football Club kindly hosted our conference, allowing us to use their main hall for no cost.
- The School Councils from Stamford Park Primary School, The Wellgreen Primary School, Altrincham Church of England School and Cloverlea Primary School, all came together to discuss the purpose of 'school councils', the work we have all undertaken this past year and possible joint projects for the future.



FRIENDS OF STAMFORD PARK LITTER PICK

Multi-school litter pick

- Jackie, one of the 'Friends of Stamford Park', helped the School Council to arrange a litter picking afternoon.
- Andy and Ben from 'Keep Trafford Tidy' also joined us to explain the importance of picking up litter from the communal areas of the town.
- They also brought along 'Percy the Penguin' who loved eating the litter!
- Our friends from Altrincham Church of England Primary School also helped us to collect six full bin bags of refuse!
- We hoped that our good example would show other people how to keep their local park clean and tidy!



THE CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE FARM TRUST (C.A.F.T.)

The Christmas appeal

- The School Council children devised and presented an assembly to the whole school, asking children to take part in the C.A.F.T. Christmas appeal.
- Children had to provide a new, gift-wrapped toy or present, ready for someone to receive at Christmas.
- In total 87 presents were collected by C.A.F.T. at the end of the appeal.



THE CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE FARM TRUST (C.A.F.T.)

The Easter appeal

- The School Council children also devised and presented an assembly to the school, asking children to take part in the C.A.F.T. Easter egg appeal.
- Children had to provide a new Easter egg or chocolate bar to the appeal.
- In total 70 chocolate gifts were collected by C.A.F.T. at the end of the appeal.



THE CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE FARM TRUST (C.A.F.T.)

Visit from Hannah Grahame

- Hannah Grahame, who is a fundraiser for C.A.F.T., came to speak to the children at one of our School Council meetings.
- She informed the children of the importance of their fundraising work at both Christmas and Easter, and shared the impact of these appeals.
- The School Council children were amazed at how much they had helped and felt very proud of their achievements.



THE CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE FARM TRUST (C.A.F.T.)

Visit to the C.A.F.T. facilities

- The School Council children visited the C.A.F.T. facilities and took part in a guided tour.
- The children saw how all of their hard work had benefitted the visitors to C.A.F.T. over the past year.
- As a special thank you, the children were allowed to see the animals, use the adventure playground and toast marshmallows!



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Transition to the new council

- We would like to improve the transition for the new School Council children of 2024/2025.
- Firstly, by having our current members present to the whole school during an assembly before elections take place.
- Secondly, they would also attend the first School Council meeting to share their experiences with the new members.

In school initiatives

- Complete the playground project and develop any 'empty spaces'.
- Look at fundraising ideas to improve the school building.

Local community initiatives

- Maintain links with our fellow school councils, arranging more joint projects.
 - Arrange a 'knitting afternoon' with the residents of St. Andrew's Court.
- Design a new façade for the crocodile and frog on Stamford Park.
- Fundraise with the 'Friends of Stamford Park' to upgrade the toddler playground.