

Academy Council Meetings

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Miss Chalk met with the children to agree on what to do for Comic Relief:

Wear something bright and donate £1. Mrs Owner added in for the children to tell a joke to their class too.

17th March 2023

Present: Robbie, Delilah, Harry, Leo, Scarlett, Maddie, Alfie, Mason, Shannon, Lily-Belle, Freddie

1. Looking at each Community Top 3:

Attenborough

- Can we have a fashion club, where we can make clothes and other things, after school? - We talked about having a similar club, Fun with Fabrics, already happening on Mondays after school. **Miss Chalk will speak with Mrs Freeman about what sort of things Fun with Fabrics do and report back in the next meeting.**
- Can we have more plants, flowers and nature in and around school to help the wildlife? - We talked about the existing flowerbeds and vegetable patches, as well as the plant pots outside of the school, which will start growing and blooming this Spring. It was suggested that flowers inside of school may attract bees and other insects into the school during the spring and summer terms, however **Miss Chalk will speak with Mrs Owner about more plants around the school. Mrs Owner explained that it is too early to plant most types of flowers, as it can still freeze until May, but she will plant some over the Easter holidays.**
- Can we have more crumble in winter? 'Lots of us [children] love things like apple crumble when it's cold, but we don't seem to have it that much.' - We talked about it now being the end of the winter season, however **Miss Chalk find out whether we are able to make requests or not and report back in the next meeting. Ms Burdett, will speak to Chartwells.**

Pankhurst

- Could we have more balls on the playground and breaktime? - The children mentioned that they have just received lots of brand new balls, thank you.
- Can we have benches on the playground? - Miss Chalk would like to speak about this in a moment. (See below)
- Can we have a no lesson day? - members of Academy Council mentioned in the previous minutes it mentions this at the end of term.

Nightingale

- Could we have a maths club at lunchtime? - We discussed whether this would be a club to help with maths homework, if so teachers and members of staff are always more than happy to help and offer an extra opportunity before homework hand in. Or whether it would be for maths activities. We talked about Mathletics after school club which we currently do have on Mondays after school. Miss Chalk will share this idea with Mrs Owner and then speak more about it during

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our next meeting. Mrs Owner and Miss Chalk have decided that if children feel they need help with their homework, they can either ask their class teacher or go to the Athletics club on Mondays. A lunchtime maths club would be lovely, but as lunchtimes are so short, there is not enough time.

- Could we add a Platinum Splat in Oak Class? 'Quite a lot of us get into Gold, so maybe we could add a Platinum so that we get even more of a challenge.' - Another suggestion was to add a Bronze Splat between Green and Silver so that each class still have Gold at the end of the splats and still have Gold letters. Mrs Owner will talk to the teachers and get back to you.
- Can we have more computing lessons in Oak? Academy Council discussed that actually, they have had lots of computing lessons with Mrs Frost and are really enjoying them.

Mandela

- Could we have more footballs out at lunchtime? - We discussed how this would work with just one football pitch. It was suggested that perhaps once or twice a week we could have a few footballs out to do training drills and practice skills. Miss Chalk will speak to Mrs Owner about this. Mrs Owner is happy for part of the field to be used for football skills, if that is what the children would like to do. Mrs Hovell will order five more footballs to use at lunchtimes, but only for the skills sessions.
 - Can we have the white lines repainted on field for football? - Miss Chalk will check with Mrs Owner and Mrs Hovell, but believes that the field is likely to be lined ready for Athletics in the Summer term. The field will be lined in running tracks for athletics.
2. Where to put the buddy benches (these need to be on the playground)

Suggestions were: Around the green Acorn fence, by the bushes outside of the canteen and along the wall outside of Oak class. Academy Council decided that by the hedges was not a good idea due to children enjoying playing handball there, but outside of Oak class would be really good as children tend to sit along that wall.

How to explain the buddy benches to the children – we could make posters, go into each class to talk about them and do a presentation to help with this or for the teachers to show their class.

3. Discussing the litter picking afternoon with the children and writing a poster for each class to read to remind them. - This was discussed, Lily-Belle and Delilah – Acorn; Freddie, Scarlett and Maddie – Willow; Harry and Leo – Elm; Alfie and Mason – Beech; Robbie and Shannon – Oak.