

School Council meeting 14/11/2017 – 2.30pm

Present – Staff- Miss Appleton, Mrs Butler, Mrs Tolley, Mr Maine

Students- Meghan, Sean P, Danyal, Grace, Courtney W, Matthew, Adam, Zafran

Purpose of meeting

To discuss the items from 'discussion point' on school council display board

This week there were two items on the board for discussion. The first item was regarding the common room and the coat pegs being difficult to access. I was told that there had been a reshuffle of furniture now so that the sofa that used to be underneath the coat pegs was no longer there. Mr Maine popped to the common room to check that this was correct, he was able to confirm that furniture had been moved to make the coat pegs easy to access. Issue solved before the meeting, well done school council!

The next item was that it had been noted that there is quite a build-up of leaves especially in the outdoor space by the common room. I initially asked how we thought that the leaves had gotten there in the first place. Zafran said that it was because the "wind blowed", Meghan was able to add that it was autumn. I asked what happened during autumn to which Grace replied "leaves change colour and all fall down".

I then questioned why leaves on the ground might be an issue. Sean pointed out that you might slip over and Zafran said that you could hurt yourself if you were to slip. So the next question was what could we do to resolve the leaf issue. Straight away Courtney said a brush. This led to a discussion about brushes, would the same brush that we use to sweep the kitchen be suitable to use outside. It was decided that the brush might get germs on it so it wouldn't be a good idea to use the same brush for both purposes. I asked Danyal if we would need a different brush to sweep outside, he said no, so I then asked him what we needed. Zafran said a "blower".

Discussion got back round to brushes, Adam was able to state that the type of brush that we would need to use outside would be a big brush, and he also agreed that hard bristles would be most useful to move the leaves. Mr Maine made a very good point as to where the leaves would go once they had been swept up.

Matthew said that they needed to go in the bin. There isn't a bin outside that any of the council members are aware of that could be used. It was said that possibly a green bin like students have at home would be useful. Zafran wasn't willing to bring his in from home to use but was able to tell me that you get them from Dudley Council. Adam is going to liaise with Mr Smith as to whether we have already got a suitable bin, if not he is going to ask Mr Smith to get a bin. A rota will need to be devised across the classes so that everyone takes their turn to help keep the outside area safe and tidy.

Thinking Point – with upcoming interviews for Level 3 Teaching Assistants members were asked 'what type of person do we want working at Pens Meadow School?' They were asked to discuss in form groups possible questions that could be asked and bring ideas to next week's meeting.

Meeting closed 2.47pm