

Welcome to Assembly

Wednesday 8th September





What is the pupil council?

- Pupil Council is made up of one child from each class throughout the school
- These children are called “Class Representatives” or reps
- Class reps are voted in by their classmates – the person with the most votes is the winner
- They meet once a month with Mrs Palmer to discuss matters to do with our school



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It is your right to have a say in how your school is run.

Why do we need School Councils?

For many years, all the decisions about children were made by adults.

This was thought to be best because adults are older and have experience, training and qualifications.

But adults didn't always make the right decisions, sometimes because they hadn't talked with the children about the issue.

All the countries of the world got together and agreed that children must be given rights. Plus, sometimes their ideas are actually better than adults!

So the government decided that adults must listen to children before making a decision about them.



12. Respect for children's views

Children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them. Adults should listen and take children seriously.



What do the class reps do?

- Class reps are given time in class to listen to the views and ideas of their classmates about how to improve our school
- Class reps write these ideas down and bring the ideas to our monthly meetings
- At the meetings the class reps get a chance to talk about the problems or ideas they and their classmates have
- Class reps get time in class to say what happened at the meeting



What makes a good class rep?

- Good listener
- Be able to talk in front of a group
- Work well with others
- Want to make a difference
- Other children feel they can trust you with their views and ideas
- Reliable

- Stand up in front of your class and persuade them to vote for you! However you like!
- You could simply say why you think you would make a fabulous class rep
- Or you could get creative and make a Powerpoint presentation/ poster / do a rap / create an iMovie to show
- Names to Mrs Palmer by Friday 17th September!

What do you need to do?