

St Mary's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Dane Bank Avenue Crewe Cheshire CW2 8AD



School Council Statement

The school council here at St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Crewe consists of extremely active, dedicated and well organised pupils.

The members of our school council take their roles very seriously and, as a result of their hard work and dedication, have orchestrated and coordinated positive changes within our school. Children in our school vote for other children in their class from a range of nominees and vote.

The school council is led by a Chair and Deputy Chair who are chosen by the school council members themselves. We also have link teachers who help to facilitate the meetings.

Our school council helps to provide a voice for all pupils and it aims to meet each half term.

Vision Statement

Our school council works together as a team to ensure we can be the best school possible by discussing ideas and making decisions.

- We aim to help all pupils feel comfortable, happy and safe at school.
- We work together through trust, co-operation, team work and a positive attitude
- We aim to listen to others, discuss comments and make suggestions that would make our school even better than it is now!

Over the past few years, our school council have helped to improve the school environment and grounds, suggested and run fundraising activities during school time, raised money for charities and acted as hosts when we have visitors. We were also involved in introducing and designing a tie which is now included as part of our uniform!

Some suggestions that we have made, over time, are now becoming a reality. Shady Hollow is now a place that is tidy and a great place for us to explore and enjoy. We have a stage area outside of shady hollow where we can spend time with our friends at break and lunch times and for outdoor class activities with our teachers!

Meet our School Councillors

YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Nicola Niezgoda Harry Belmore Malkia Henry Imogen Dunne Riona Sunny Joseph Packham	Maja Jokiel Gabriel Wychelewski Nigel Cyriac Lexi Jones Natalia Szewczyk Leon Bullen	Evie Wallbank Martha Woolrich Reece Farr Frankie Charlsworth Harry Hall Matilda Tomkinson	Jake Culkin Juna Justin (Chair) Arron Gerald Ella Eaton Kay Lalka Diana Dumitru



We have many ideas for the forthcoming year such as fund raising, charity events, competitions, whole school fayres. All of which will enable us to improve our school. Please see our latest information below and our section on the website!

Our Latest Information

Throughout Autumn term 2019, we have decided as school councillors that our focus is going to be continuing on from the amazing work of last year's school council. A very important theme that is current and relevant within our society and wider world – **'Life with Less Plastic'**. As school council, we are whole-heartedly committed to ensuring that we promote better ways to use, reuse and recycle plastic, both inside of school and outside. As discussed in our first school council meeting, we are going to be looking at quotes for new recycling bins to be placed in both the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. We want to ensure that suitable materials are recycled, rather than thrown in our rubbish bins (or on the floor). This is a big priority for us. We will be spending time litter picking to minimise litter on our school site, and once the bins have arrived, we will be holding an assembly for each Key Stage to introduce them and how we hope they will be used. In this way we will ensure that the correct waste is being placed into the right bins, and that over time our environment will be better looked after, and more importantly – with less plastic! This is something we are extremely passionate about.



We are holding a non-uniform day this half term, all in aid of 'National Tree Planting Week'. Our theme is **'Just One Tree'**. This will be held throughout the school. Children and staff will be swapping their uniform or work clothes for dressing in something green in exchange for £1. 'Just One Tree' is a non-profit initiative removing CO2 from the atmosphere through global reforestation. They make it simple for everyone to contribute to collective action on the climate crisis. Just £1 plants 1 Tree. We want to help our planet, one tree at a time.

The donations we collect will be sent directly to established reforestation partners who concentrate their planting in areas severely affected by mass deforestation. In doing so, they have the greatest positive effect on combating global warming whilst tackling extreme poverty through training, education and employment. We are eager to see how our contribution will make an impact globally! We, as school council, will be leading assemblies to share more information throughout the school

so that everyone will be aware of the importance in why we are doing this. With the Amazon Rainforest fires being in the media so much lately, we hope that everyone will get on board!



We are also hoping to have a visit from Lucinda Hodges (ANSA). She will be providing some assemblies about food waste and composting throughout Key Stage 2.

We look forward to updating you on all of the above and all of the other things we have planned for the year ahead, very soon!

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