

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 a link teacher who helps 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. The school council were also involved in introducing and designing a tie which is now included as part of our uniform!

Some suggestions we made are now becoming a reality as the playgrounds and outdoor play spaces are being improved. We have suggested equipment and zones which could be included.

We have also suggested that Shady Hollow was tidied so we could use it, and a phased programme of work has started!

Meet our School Councillors

YEAR 3 <u>Class 10</u> Layla Lara Dorian <u>Class 11</u> Willow Yonav <u>Class 12</u> Ellie Henry	YEAR 4 <u>Class 13</u> Barny Alexa <u>Class 14</u> Ella Dylan <u>Class 15</u> Florence Lukasz	YEAR 5 <u>Class 16</u> Nigel Bridie <u>Class 17</u> Leon Nadia <u>Class 18</u> Mia Lennon	YEAR 6 <u>Class 19</u> Tiffany Sophie Harry Jessica <u>Class 20</u> Efeatu Lewis <u>Class 21</u> Evie Jakub
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We have many ideas such as fund raising, charity events, competitions and ways to further improve the school over the coming year. We are awaiting further guidance on how we can meet safely together as currently we cannot meet to discuss these ideas in person because of COVID rules.

Our Latest Information

We are all so happy to be back at school! We love school!

We have adapted to the changes that this year is bringing and we are really trying to listen and do things so we can all stay safe at school. We have settled into our new routines really well.

So far this year we have written our manifestos and elected our School Council representatives for each class. (Some classes have more than two representatives due to a draw in votes.) There was a really good response with the manifestos with over half of the children in each of the classes wanting to join. After voting, we had a brief socially distanced introduction meeting with each class representatives separately in a public space.

However, we have been limited as to what we have been able to achieve this term due to the Government Guidance for schools during this pandemic. Our priority is to stay safe at school and therefore the School Council have so far been unable to meet as a group, as this would be 'mixing bubbles'.



We did however, manage to get our representatives to highlight the importance of Remembrance Day in each class. With support from Mr Lord, our school caretaker, we managed to raise almost £1000 for the Royal British Legion, and we are very proud of our efforts.

St Mary's were also awarded a special shield, as our school raised the most money.

Additionally, we were able to get some School Council representatives to paint some poppies using the bottom of plastic bottles, and created this beautiful poppy display on the KS1 playground. Lots of people commented on how thought-provoking it was.



We are keenly waiting for some further guidance on how and when we can meet together properly as a team to discuss our ideas.