

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.

Guided by our gospel values of tolerance, independence, co-operation, creativity and spiritual growth through the Catholic Faith, the members of our school council take their roles very seriously. As a result of their hard work and dedication, they have orchestrated and coordinated positive changes within our school. Our school councillors are chosen democratically by their fellow class members and in line with the British Values. Our children understand the importance of being part of a democracy and having their voices heard.

Our school council members stand by our school mission statement of 'Working together through faith and Education,' ensuring that every voice is heard and valued. 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, however we try to ensure that the meetings are led predominantly by the children. Through these efforts, our school council helps to provide positive change within our school community, meeting each half term to discuss, plan and prioritise their actions.

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 ran fundraising activities during school time, raised money for charities and acted as hosts when we have visitors.

Some examples of the children's ideas for how St. Mary's could be an even better place to be this year include:

- Building an outdoor library for use at lunchtimes and breaktimes
- Planting flowers in the Peace Garden to make it a more inviting space
- Creating a vegetable patch
- Utilising the outdoor spaces for more outdoor learning
- Non-uniform day to celebrate our uniqueness – ‘Dress as yourself day’
- Raising money for more bins and litter pickers
- Sports equipment to be available at break and lunch times
- Parent quiz night to raise money for basket ball hoops
- World culture day to raise money for refugee children and those in need

Meet our School Councillors



School Council members 2023-2024

4	Class	School Councillor	
Year 3			
8	Cameron	Chris Mary	
9	Sienna	Gerard	
10	Georgia	Carter	
Year 4			
11	Ava	Eric	
12	Jesse	Ruby	
13	Yassin	Bella	
Year 5			
14	Olivia	Dennis	
15	Jessica	Allie-Mae	
16	Zuzanna	Darren	
Year 6			
17	Julia	Lucas	
18	Jackson / Mason	Anita	
19	Edric	Salma	

Our Latest Information

Autumn 2023



We are all so happy to be back at St. Mary's this Autumn Term and are delighted to be able to announce our new school council members for 2023-2024.

The children were invited to apply for the role of school councillor by completing a manifesto and delivering this to their classes. Votes then took place, and two members of each class were chosen to represent them as school council members for this academic year.

The children already have many ideas for the school council this year and we hope to be able to support the children in achieving many of their ambitions for improving St. Mary's and making it an even better place to be!

Mrs Baron and Miss Bailey.



September 2023– Macmillan Coffee Morning



Our School Councillors supported our successful Macmillan coffee morning in the Autumn term, which helps to raise money towards an incredibly important cause. The children supported Mrs Wright in the KS2 hall, serving tea and coffee to our families and selling some delicious cakes and bakes.

16th October – Recycling Week

Our School Council held a whole-school competition to raise awareness of the importance of recycling. The children met during a School Council meeting to decide on the winners from Reception, KS1 and KS2. There were some fantastic designs which have now been displayed around our school to encourage our pupils, staff and visitors to continue with reusing and recycling materials. The children also set up a small recycling centre where pupils were encouraged to recycle their plastic bottles and they were then used to create some beautiful art work.



THE BIG RECYCLING HUNT

recycle

- Creative Spark!** Design an eye-catching poster inspired by activist artists.
- Winning Words!** Use your persuasive writing skills to make an information leaflet.
- Perfect Performer!** Hone your presentation skills by making a short play or presentation.

St. Mary's

We are getting involved in 'The Big Recycling Hunt 2023'!

Please enter our recycling poster competition. You are free to be as creative as you like! If you don't want to make a poster, you could create an information leaflet or presentation. This will then be sent to the Big Recycling Website where they will vote for the winner! Our school councillors will also vote for our own personal St. Mary's winner.

Last date for entry is Friday the 3rd of November.

Recycle today

REUSE
RECYCLE

The Big Recycling Hunt

We are challenging children aged 5 to 11 to join the Big Recycling Hunt! We want them to help us find the 'lost recyclables' that are going in the rubbish bin and return them to their right place: the recycling.

Our school councillors are also going to set up a recycling station for us to use for the Big Recycling Hunt! Anything that you find on the playground, home or classrooms that should be recycled please could you bring in for us to put in our recycling station.

This will be found outside class 10 from Tuesday next week.

Could you also bring in any empty plastic bottles that you are throwing away!

Thank you for your support!

Remember to 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'!

Recycling Center

CLASS 10

PLASTIC

ME?



Our school council members have lots of lovely and exciting events happening this term.

Remembrance Day- On Thursday 9th November 2023 our school councillors will be joining the Year 7 St Thomas More High school councillor's afterschool to create poppy wreaths that we will lay at the cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. They will then lead a Remembrance Day assembly on Friday 10th November for ks2.

Open Afternoon for parents- On Wednesday 15th November and Wednesday 6th December our year 5 and 6 school councillors will meet and greet new parents at our school doors. They will then give a tour of the school and answer any questions.

Lyceum Drama Workshop- On the 30th November the Creative learning Manager from the Lyceum theatre will be coming into school to deliver a Cinderella Workshop. The school council members will take part in a Drama that explores the characters and story of Cinderella. We will then perform this to other year groups across the school.

Woodland Trust- On The week beginning Monday 18th December the children will be helping Mr Stewart plant our new trees that have been sent to us from The Woodland Trust. Our school council will decide on the best place to plant them within our school grounds and help to take care of them while they are still saplings.