St John's Green Primary School 'School Council' Newsletter.



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Meet Our School Councillors of 2016/2017



Year I: Callum McGuire, Emily Warren and Shrian Karr. Year 2: Ivan Yu, Mae Grimwade and Stanley Hudson. Year 3: Reese Merrifield and Isabel Stubbings. Year 4: Naomi Hearn and Ruby Williams. Year 5: Lily Horgan and Calli Pintado-Ganley. Year 6: Ellie-Jo Shipton Cornell and Max Houce.

We Are All Rights Holders.

This term our school councillors have been busy working within their 'Triad School Council Consortium', alongside the children from Cherry Tree and Kendall

Primary School. Within these meetings, they have been discussing their outdoor learning environments, sharing ideas with each other and thinking about how they can improve this area within our school setting. One idea the children were



especially keen on, was to have a special 'Friendship Bench' fitted on each of the playgrounds. The children diplomatically put forward their suggestion to Mr Billings, who also liked the idea and agreed to purchase them. The children were very proud to have been part of the decision-making process and they are delighted with the new Friendship benches...

Abbey Site – Friendship Bench!



Town Site - Friendship Bench!



The School Councillors are currently deep in discussion with their class teachers and fellow peers, regarding playground zones and activities. They have had some wonderful ideas so far - watch this space...



Diary Dates:

Tuesday 21st Feb – International Language Day Wednesday 22nd Feb – Consortium Meeting The **United Nations Convention** on the **Rights** of a **Child (UNCRC)**.

This term we have been discussing these articles from the UN Convention...

Article 29: Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

Article 12: You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.

Article 14: You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right and wrong, and what is best for you.

Article 3: All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.

Article 30: You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion- or any you choose. Minority and indigenous groups need special protection of this right.

www.unicef.org.uk/rightsrespecting-schools

During our discussions on Article 12:

'You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously'. The school councillors were asked to consider and reflect on their mathematical learning outcomes from the recent 'Mathmagician' sessions. They talked with great enthusiasm about their learning and thoroughly enjoyed participating in this activity. Mr Green will be using the children's feedback within his evaluation.

