



Newdale Primary School Parliament

A good School Parliament is one that represents the views of all pupils and gets things done.

Who we are?

- Our School Parliament is made up of pupils from Year 1 through to Year 6. They were elected to represent the views of all pupils and to work with the leadership team to improve our school.
- The School Parliament Executive Committee consist of a Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. (Children elected from Year 5 and 6 are able to apply for these positions).

What are our aims?

- The members will raise the profile and promote Newdale Primary School's aims and vision statement.
- The members will have a responsibility to help the school become more environmentally friendly.
- The members will have the responsibility to think of ways to help the local community become a safer, healthier and more peaceful place to live in.
- The members will promote the voice of the school community.

What do we do?

Each year, after an electoral campaign and polling day, every class will elect representatives from their year group; they will be members of the School Parliament for half of the academic year. The first elections take place at the beginning of the Autumn term and the other in the Spring 2 term.

Each representative follows a set of principles:

- To make sure that our school is a safe and happy place for children.
- To make sure that children have a place to voice their concerns.
- To encourage all children in the school to suggest improvements.
- To make sure any suggestions or concerns are listened to and acted upon



What makes our School Parliament effective?

- Regular meetings
- A Parliament that is not too big
- Good communication between representatives and their class members
- To attend our Parliament meetings to make sure we have a whole school voice
- The School Parliament has a noticeboard where the constitution and minutes of meetings are displayed and important information is posted

What have we achieved?

Here are some of the changes/events we have initiated:

- Renamed and changed the way School Council is organised and run within the school, including, executive committee, writing manifestos and elections.
- Organised charity events including the Shoe Box appeal, Children in Need, Red Nose day – advertising these through letters and posters.
- Organised in class and whole school assemblies covering topics like Anti-Bullying, recycling, littering and following the SMART code.
- During the whole school democracy week, children wrote manifestos and ran elections.
- They have fed back to the leadership team on improvements needed in the school. These have included purchasing new bins for the playground reducing litter, nature walks to include litter picking for the local community.

What next?

The Parliament have plenty of plans for the rest of this year and will update soon!

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