

School Council Meeting
Wednesday 12th February 2025
2.45pm in the school hall

Present: Amelia (Reception), Eve (Yr1), Jane (Yr2), Lucy (Yr3), Eden (Yr4), Miriam (Yr5), Mrs Adams (Governor), and Mrs Hudson (Headteacher)

Apologies: Coban (Yr6)

The school council reps had noticed the new ‘playground rules’ noticeboard that had arrived and been attached to the wall in the playground – it was exactly as had been decided and it looks good for all to see.

Each rep used their notebook to share the comments and feedback from their peers on what they love about our school. A range of sentences were read out, for example: “I love my school because we get to play with every year group.” To “I love Alfriston School because we get to wear a smart uniform!” One of the most popular ones was “...because the teachers are all really nice and kind!” Several were chosen to be displayed around the school.

Safeguarding

Mrs Adams used the time with the school council reps to ask them some safeguarding questions. For example, did they feel safe at school? If they had a worry what would they do? If a friend was upset, what would they do? Is there any information around the school to let you know who to contact if you feel unsafe?

Mrs Adams will write up a report for the Governing Board to share with them what the reps said in reply to these questions as part of her duty as Safeguarding Governor.

Following this School Council meeting, Mrs Adams was able to feedback to Mrs Hudson. She was pleased to report that:

- All the children said that they felt entirely safe in school and everywhere in school (The answer they immediately gave, almost in unison, to Mrs Adam’s question was, “Of course!”).
- They said that the school was so small that they always felt safe “Totally!”.
- They said that there is always someone to turn to if you have a problem.
- They knew “loads” about how to be safe. For example, through the ‘Let’s Talk’ PSHE lessons, assemblies and posters around the school.

- They know about Childline, with some of the children knowing the number to call off by heart.
- They talked about a visit they have had from the Fire Brigade and also from the NSPCC.
- They have worry boxes in every classroom but it's quicker to talk to someone because all the staff are "trusted adults".

Mrs Adams has also written a report for the Governing Board following her visit, sharing the School Council's answers to her questions.

Next meeting

The School Council reps will be assisting the school in our aim to renew our Healthy Schools Excellence Award on Wednesday 2nd April, when we are going to be inspected by Specialists from the East Sussex School Health Service.