

School Council Meeting

Wednesday 15th November 2023

10.00am in Mrs Hudson's office

Present: Vasco (Reception), Gilbert (Yr3), Oscar (Yr4), Henry (Yr5), George (Yr6) and Mrs Hudson

Apologies: Joseph-Henry (Yr1), Tara (Yr2), Mrs Young (Governor)

Anti-Bullying Week

It is Anti-Bullying Week and the reps shared their views on how we prevent bullying at Alfriston.

One rep gave a word for word definition of 'bullying', as they had remembered from previous assemblies and lessons at school. Another rep explained how everyone at Alfriston already 'makes a noise about bullying' because we all know that it is right to tell an adult and not be a bystander. Other reps were able to give examples of how we have developed a culture at our school to ensure that everyone who comes here feels safe. Some examples were: staff listen to you; we aren't given detentions if we do something wrong, we are given second chances; staff help to teach you how to do and say things to help with relationships; this is just how we are at Alfriston because it is good for life and our mental health; and one rep was keen to share their positive experiences of coming to Alfriston compared to previous schools they'd been to. All reps could say that they had several members of staff they could talk to if they had any concerns, and they emphasised the excellent relationships and support that all staff give them.

We agreed that it was great to hear this feedback from our School Council reps, however we wanted to make sure that all the children at our school felt this way too. Therefore, next time we meet we will use a questionnaire that the reps can present to their year groups to find out whether other children feel as safe as they do.

Next meeting

We will create a questionnaire to gather 'pupil voice' from everyone.