School Council Meeting

Monday 9th November 2026
2.45pm in Mrs Hudson's office

Present: Penelope (Reception), Teddy (Yr1), Alfie (Yr2), Freddie (Yr3), Tilly (Yr4), Maisie (Yr5) and Mrs Hudson

Apologies: Alfie (Year 6)

Inclusion

Mrs Hudson shared a 'Diversity' poster that Tilly had created, following our last meeting. This has been displayed in the corridor on the mental health and emotional wellbeing board for all to see!

Anti-Bullying

It is Anti-Bullying Week next week. The national theme for this year is: 'Break the Silence!' 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 'breaks the silence' because we all know that it is right to tell an adult and not be a silent 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: we talk about it; we don't ignore any unkindness; staff listen to you; there are lots of staff supervising; staff help to teach you how to do and say things to help with relationships and games; this is just how we are at Alfriston because it is good for life and good for our mental health; and one rep was keen to share their positive experiences of coming to Alfriston compared to their previous school. 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 then looked at our Anti-Bullying Policy which is due for a review. We shared reading parts of it and checked if we were all still happy with its contents so that Mrs Hudson could take it to the next Governing Board meeting for approval. The reps made no changes and said that they feel safe and happy that if bullying or unkindness was to happen then they are confident to talk to someone and that it would be resolved.

We agreed that it was great to hear any comments and feedback from our School Council reps, however we wanted to make sure that all the children at our school felt this way too. The reps thought of some questions that they could ask their year groups so that the next time we meet we can find out whether other children feel as safe as they do, and if there is anything more that we could do as a school.