



A Year in the Life of Birchington CE Primary School, School Council 2021-2022!

Hello from Birchington CE Primary School Council!

We are pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 who represent our classes.
Our aim is to make our school, our community and our world a better place and we do this by listening to others and talking and working together.
We have weekly meetings where we bring our pupil voice books, discuss issues and try to find ways to make improvements.



We come together to tackle issues and support other people.
Our goal is to do something about the issues we come across.
This year we have been very busy!

Please have a look below at this year's projects and initiatives:

November 2021

The Royal British Legion, formally, The British Legion, is a charity that provides financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces and their families. We support them each year in school as part of our Remembrance Week.



*This year we were able to sell
poppies in school again and we
raised lots of money!*





Year R children wearing Christmas Jumpers and helping to raise money for Porchlight.

December 2021

We are aware of homeless individuals in our community and have noticed people sleeping by the church. We thought about how we could best support the homeless in our community. We invited a speaker into school from Porchlight who helped us to understand how difficult it can be for homeless people to get a job without an address, clean clothes, somewhere to wash, a contact number or family support.

We agreed that the best course of action we could take is to support Porchlight in providing these individuals with more opportunities. We decided to use our Christmas Jumper Day to support Porchlight this year.

Children from Year R through to Year 6 all took part and helped to raise a fantastic £864.14!



Key Stage 2 School Council Reps visit our local foodbank.

February 2022

Following our discussions on homelessness during the previous term, we talked about the increasing cost of living and the impact this has on our community.

At school we regularly collect donations for help our local foodbank so we took the food donations in the minibus and went to visit them to find out how donations from school help and what they need more of in the future.

We found out that they are also collecting Easter Eggs in the run up to Easter so everyone can get a treat this Easter.

April 2022

As a school, we are working towards Foundation Level of the British Council's International School Award. We have been talking about celebrating diversity in our School Council meetings.

The Reps discussed having more diverse books and the importance of ensuring everyone feels welcome, included and valued at Birchington. We decided to create a 'Welcome' display celebrating all the different languages and cultures within our community and encouraging us to give new languages a go.



May 2022

In May we were still thinking about ways to support people who are homeless in our community.

We became aware of an initiative where we can recycle our crisp packets and use them to make waterproof blankets.

We wrote a letter and sent it out to all our families so we could start collecting crisp packets.



We have collected crisp packets in our classes.

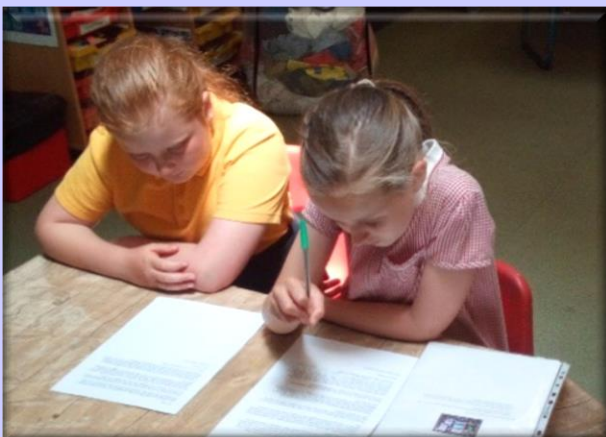
May 2022

The School Council were very busy in May!
Next we planned how we could celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school. Some of us filmed a video talking about how the Queen values respect and love for everyone and linking this to our School Christian Vision. We organised a whole school picnic on the field for the end of term to bring our school community together. The weather was lovely and every class had fun and joined in the celebrations.



June 2022

We aim to be Courageous Advocates during our school council meetings. We have been talking about the barriers and challenges that deaf people may encounter, such as feeling isolated or not included. We talked about representation in the media and have decided to write to the BBC to advocate for more programmes to use sign language, especially on children's television. We are also in the process of writing a letter to Ms Barham, our Headteacher, to ask if we can have a 'sign of the week' in school so that we can all learn some sign language in school next year.



*Year 4 School Council
Reps writing and editing
letters*