



A Year in the Life of Birchington CE Primary School

School Council 2022-2023



We are pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 who represent our classes in school council meetings. Our aim is to make our school, our community and our world a better place and we do this by listening to others and working together.

We have weekly meetings where we bring our pupil voice books and share ideas. We are guided by our five school values and reflect on them with every decision that we make.



This year we have been very active in our school and community. Please have a look below at this year's projects and initiatives:

November 2022

"We can plan things to help other people and raise money" - Henry

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. We sold poppies in school again, we represented our school at the Birchington Remembrance Parade and we raised lots of money (£238.58).



Lest we forget



November 2022

"We help other children if they need help" - Katie

BBC Children in Need helps to fund thousands of charities to make sure that every child has the childhood they deserve and the support they need to flourish. As a school, our vision is to help every child to flourish from their unique starting point so the annual Children in Need appeal is important to us. This year we wanted to raise more money than we ever have before!

We encouraged our whole school to participate in a Read-a-thon Challenge and the effort put in was amazing. We also organised and set up a Cake Sale after school on Pudsey Day. A total of £2,899.83 was raised for BBC Children in Need. What a super amount!



January 2023

"We follow our school values to make good changes" – Aliyah



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. We had so many donations at Christmas, over 50 full bags, so we helped to



deliver the donations in the minibus. We went to find out how donations from school help and what they need more of in the future. The foodbank provides so many families with fresh produce, pet products, cleaning products and treats.



January 2023

“By working together, we can make big changes for the environment and for people around the world” - Pippa



We stood up in Collective Worship to share some exciting news! As a whole school, we achieved the Intermediate Certificate of the International School Award run by the British Council. The assessor said our school is “clearly motivated and committed to developing a global



dimension to your curriculum and whole-school, promoting global citizenship, an appreciation for cultural diversity and interest in foreign language learning”. We are excited to learn more about different countries, cultures and global issues. Congratulations everyone!

May 2023



We helped to plan how we could celebrate the King’s Coronation in school. We played games, shared stories, enjoyed party food and sang our coronation song. We made sure everyone was included in the celebrations and our Reception children had lots of fun learning about our new king.



March 2023

“We can discuss any problems and do something about it”- Daisy



Our School Council and Spirituality Representatives joined together for a workshop with Tom Plaistow, a Co-op Member Pioneer for Birchington, who came in to discuss Fair Trade. We worked in groups exploring where in the world products such as bananas, coffee, tea, cocoa and cotton come from. We planned a Collective Worship to share our knowledge with everyone. We explained that Fairtrade means that workers around the world are paid a fair price and have better working conditions. We showed everyone what logo to look out for.





March 2023

"It's important to make sure everyone is kind and that we love each other" - Sonny



We wanted to make sure our community has empathy for people who are homeless. We had a discussion with Ms Bant, Chair of Governors, and together we thought it would a good idea to invite a speaker from Porchlight into a collective worship to talk about homelessness in Kent and help us to understand how difficult it can be for homeless individuals to get back on their feet. As well as supporting people into homes and shelters, Porchlight helps people regain their independence, livelihood and confidence. We all sang 'The Streets of London' in honour of the charity and their work and our guest speaker was very touched by this gesture and our eagerness to raise awareness.



May 2023

"We share ideas and can make changes to the school" - Jakob



We wrote to Brogdale Farm and explained how a donation of fresh fruit trees will benefit our school. We are hopeful they will consider our application so we will receive some fruit trees to plant and care for in the future.

July 2023

The School Council would like to thank you for all of your support and want to wish you a very happy Summer holidays!

