



Birchington CE Primary School



School Council Termly Update

Term 2

What a busy Term 2 for the School Council! We have had so much fun organising activities and fundraisers. We are so grateful to everyone who has participated in our events and helped make this term so successful. It means that as a school community we have been able to donate generously to our chosen charities - BBC Children in Need and the Royal British Legion.

At the end of each term we will continue to provide you with these latest updates on our School Council section of the website. We will also give you some ideas for ways you can help us.

Successes

Fundraising: Pupils from Year R to Year 6 spent hours reading during our sponsored read this term. The Read-a-thon raised a staggering £1,935.22! The money is being split between BBC Children in Need and towards our school funds for playground reading sheds. We hope that the money raised will support many children to flourish. Year 6 and Year 3 Representatives announced the total raised in Celebration Worship and thanked everyone for their hard work and determination.

Leading: A group of School Council and Spirituality Representatives proudly represented our school at the Birchington Remembrance Parade. Community members at the event, including one of our governors, commented on how respectful we were when representing our school in the local community. We also sold poppies at school to support the Royal British Legion.

Helping others: We have talked about the high cost of living and believe that we must do what we can to share with others. Our collection at Harvest really helped the local foodbank and we asked our school community to donate what they can again. We started collecting donations in the run up to Christmas and delivered the donations to the foodbank during the last week of term. Whilst talking to members of the community at the foodbank, we realised the foodbank needed more custard. So, we then had an additional custard collection just in time for Christmas.

Coming up:



We care about our responsibilities to the environment. In Term 3 we will have a focus on **working as a team to care for the environment**. We will be helping to tidy up our school environment by sorting the lost property, recycling and re-using any unclaimed clothing or items. We will also be reminding everyone to use the paper bin to recycle paper in class.

We will also explore our **responsibilities towards protecting local wildlife**. We would like to meet with our school Eco reps to participate in the Big Schools' Birdwatch 2024 for the RSPB. The aim is to capture a snapshot of how birds are doing in our school grounds. We will follow this up by sharing our results and showing how you can participate in the Big Birdwatch on the 26-28th January at home. Once we have our birdwatch results, we will be able to problem solve and think about what more we can do to help nature flourish on our school's doorstep.

