School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 21st October 2026

Part 1: What we have found out.

What do you enjoy about English lessons?

- **Y1** – Doing writing, learning how to write and having fun writing.
- **Y2** –Looking at different books
- **Y3** – Topics, writing and being creative
- **Y4** – You can use your imagination; learning new sentences; writing stories; creative ideas. You get to write different things.
- **Y5** – Imagination and freedom to write. We like creating storyboards.
- **Y6** – Extended writing: cold writes, stories, creative writing and looking at characters.

What do you not enjoy about English Lessons?

- Y1 – Working too hard, sitting down too much.
- Y2 – Making everything neat and rubbing out.
- Y3 – Doing too much writing; we need lots of help. Too much carpet time: We forget what we're doing if it is too long.
- Y4 – People talking too much. When lessons are too long and we don't get to finish our work. We don't like finishing in break. Having to write a whole page is hard.
- Y5 – Do not like having limits, (time limits etc). We do not like describing a picture and then doing more writing.
- Y6 – We do not enjoy all the prep needed to write as well as checking our work and editing. We don't like writing letters.

Do you listen to enough stories and books in English?

- Y1 – Some said yes, some said no.
- Y2 – More books please!
- Y3 – Yes, too many would be too many.
- Y4 – We want to write about longer books. Some think we should spend less time doing work about the books and more enjoying the more books.
- Y5 – There are quite a lot in each lesson, so we have enough. We want more chapter books and less picture books; more non-fiction!

- Y6 – Mixed views: but we would like more library time. We would like access to different genres and our books do not all need to link to the topic. We want to finish the books we are looking at.

What other things could we do during English lessons to make them better?

- Y1 – Wanted more drama
- Y2 – Less writing more creative control. More writing time and less carpet time.
- Y3 – Drama and to use our working wall more. We'd like more rewards also.
- Y4 – More imagination, more writing stories, poems and cold writes.
- Y5 – The class want more drawing and describing pictures. They would also like more stores with animals and opportunities for drama.
- Y6 – We'd like to read more books online so we can follow along. Maybe writing our stories on chrome books. We'd like to do fact files and type more. We'd like to look at more futuristic books. We'd love more choice – we want to choose from a greater selection of books.

Part 2: What we're going to do.

- We want to share more books in assembly to get people talking about books. From next term, we are going to start a section in achievement assembly to share our favourite books with the school.
- We would like to have more time in the library and make this a better place to work. Mr Stead to share our thoughts with Mrs Willis in order to get the Library up and running for next term.
- Later in the year, we would like to look into starting our own school newspaper. We will work with Mr Stead in the spring term to put a school paper plan together.

Part 3: What we will find out for next time.

Next meeting we will be looking at playtimes. We want to know what you enjoy about playtimes, what you want to do there and how we can make playtimes the best they can be.