

School Council Bulletin

This year we have embarked on some exciting projects and the whole school has shared their voice before the three departments have worked together to action ideas and plans. Here is a round up of what we've been up to this year:

Parking Policy

Our advice for parking is as follows:

- Always drive at the speed limit or slower if possible
- Look out for children walking near the road and crossing the road
- Park considerately, thinking of others
- Leave driveways and pavements clear at all times
- 10 meters is the legal distance that you must park away from a junction, so please follow this rule to enable people to turn the corner safely
- Parking on yellow zig-zag lines is a definite NO! That whole zone should be kept clear as parking opposite them blocks vision and is therefore highly dangerous
- Do not park in the bus stop because it can cause confusion, blockages and potential accidents (for the driver and for your children)
- Once you have dropped off, or collected your child, please leave promptly to ensure the road is as clear as possible
- Even if you're late, please follow these rules

From the Community Department of the School Council

Put this on your fridge!

We highlighted issues with safety on the roads around Willow Brook due to some reported inconsiderate parking and driving. We created an action plan and contacted the Council to see if we could have a school road crossing supervisor and/or a zebra crossing. A survey was conducted by the Council and unfortunately they did not deem the road busy enough for this. We decided to create our own parking policy to send out to parents and enlisted the help of a marketing advisor to help us create this document.

The year five and six members of the School Council met to review the Child Anti-Bullying Policy and we decided that the messages were still current and valid and therefore no changes were necessary at that stage. This will be reviewed again with the newly elected School Council in the Autumn.

The Creative Department worked together to create an attractive display of our playground rules to ensure we have harmonious and happy playtimes.

Then we started to discuss the environment at length; within our local community and the wider world and we looked at the effects of plastic on the oceans. As a result of this we pledged to use less single-use plastic by ensuring we brought re-usable water bottles to school and we pledged to take them through to the dining hall to stop the use of disposable cups. The kitchen staff now use reusable plastic cups for any children who have forgotten their water bottle rather than disposable ones.



We also took part in litter picks to clean up the school grounds for an environment we can take pride in and to protect local wildlife. Next we revised our recycling behaviour in the classrooms by recapping what can be put in each bin. New posters have been made and shared with the whole school ready to be put in classrooms for September. The children have also been exploring whether the milk carton straws could be made from a recyclable material in the near future... watch this space.

The School Council have worked hard this year and should be proud of how they have represented the school. The children have shared ideas for projects to work on in the new academic year so keep an eye on the website for updates.

From the 2017-2018 Willow Brook School Councillors