



School Garden Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 14th October 2020

Attendees: Eimear, Heidi, Gabriel and Izzy

Apologies for absence received for Dillon, Hugo and Chimamanda

The meeting commenced with apologies from Mrs Deasy for not having met up before now. Mrs Deasy thanked the members present for continuing in their role as a council member and for their enthusiasm.

All present were given their Garden Journals to record their class ideas for the school garden and other 'green' areas around the school site. In addition to this, they were handed details of the 'Guess the Weight of the School Pumpkin Competition' to drum up enthusiasm in their individual classes.

Mrs Deasy reported that although there had only been one competition this year (The London Children's Flower Society), St. James' had achieved a Gold. Mrs Deasy then went on to explain that this meant that St. James', together with all other schools, who had won Gold would be judged again and that there was the possibility that we may win a cup at a virtual ceremony in November.

All present were then asked to put forward any ideas that they might have for the school garden.

- Eimear asked if the garden fence could be decorated further with pictures of flowers and vegetables drawn by the children, or something similar.
- All agreed that a new plastic greenhouse was required, or at least the existing one needed to be removed, as it had 'seen better days'
- Could we include a grapevine?
- Can we grow more sunflowers next year including different coloured ones? Definitely more flowers!
- Could we make more use of the greenhouse in the quad and grow plants over winter?
- Enter more competitions
- As KS1 have a potato growing competition, could KS2 do similar – possibly carrots?
- A seating area actually in the garden itself
- The idea of a bird feeder/table/bath was suggested
- Have a more prominent scarecrow dressed in St. James' uniform

Mrs Deasy concluded the meeting with thanks and said that she had a lot to arrange and discuss with Mrs Weeks and that she would report back as soon as possible.