



Millfield Primary School COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT 2024/25

Membership

We also said goodbye to Emma Gunbie. Emma had served 15 years as a member of the school's governance team but due to family commitments she decided to stand down from chairing the Community Council. We also said goodbye to Nadine Revell who due to work commitments decided to stand down. We thank both for their support they provided to our Community Council. Robert Boekee, parent member, volunteered to be the new Chair of the Community Council and this was agreed. Holly Baumber joined the Community Council as a staff member.

Meetings and Focus

Over this year we have met 3 times with 3 visits into school to develop our understanding of various aspects of school life and meet with pupils and staff.

Particular highlights of this year included new initiatives to support attainment, cultural diversity and a creative curriculum.

During our meetings, Community Councillors found out more about our Mastering Number Project from our Maths Lead Tam Ashley. This project is focused on developing numeracy skills in EYFS and KS1. The councillors were happy that this would have an impact and help to raise attainment as the foundation skills for number would be embedded at those early stages. They were also happy that there was no extra workload for staff and online networking supported with training.

Vic Atkin, Assistant Headteacher and Curriculum Lead spoke to the Community Council about the development of our school curriculum and work she had done with Emma Turner. This work helps to structure the curriculum in a way that focuses on key learning and key vocabulary in each curriculum subject.

Tarra Sampson shared details of 2 projects that the school has been involved in; PINS project and the Nessie EBSA project. PINs or Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools, is a national initiative focused on improving the educational and health experiences of neurodivergent children in mainstream schools. The project involved several workshops for parents. Nessie is a project focused on helping children with EBSA, emotional based school avoidance.

This term the focus for the visits was on our creative curriculum. The first session was with EYFS Lead and Assistant Headteacher, Anne Hopkins, to learn about the EYFS development project with the Fitzwilliam Museum. This project is to develop EYFS practices and to explore staff applying this to their pedagogy across the whole curriculum. The focus was on child led learning and to give value on what the children are doing. It was also showing that practices do not always have to be evidenced on paper. Anne Hopkins shared photos of the museum that children had made after their visit.

Lydia Blythe then spoke about the school's creative arts project focusing on cultural diversity. It was mentioned that it was really good to see other children from different cultures sharing their knowledge within the class and that this project linked in well with the EYFS project.

Amy Spence reported on the Let's Get Active Dragons Den project. A number of groups of KS2 children designed their own physical game/activity and then a panel of 'dragon' judges chose the best one. The winning physical game/activity will be delivered as sessions in the new academic year. Watch this space for further information.

Nicole Drury and Francie Eastol talked about the creativity collaborative project. This project is a Trust wide project of which we were part of the pilot group. It looks at creative ways of delivering learning. Y2 and Y4 used history as their focus and the children learned about their topics in imaginative and interesting ways.

Looking Forward

Next year, we are looking forward to further opportunities to explore our creative curriculum more and to learn more about the impact of the new initiatives and projects.

We are still looking for councillors to join us from the local community / parent body: if you are a parent / carer and are interested in the role, or are a parent or staff member and think that you know someone who may be well suited to support us, then please contact Amanda Bidecant via the school office: **office@millfieldprimary.org**

Wishing you a wonderful summer holiday.

Wendy Lee

Community Council