



# Heaton St Barnabas School Council



(Meeting Minutes - 6/01/11)

By Council Secretary: Saniya Shawak (5C)

Editor: Mr Armitstead

**Present:** Apologies from Mohammed Arshad (No longer a 6P pupil councillor).

**Vacancy:** A willing 6P boy is needed to take the above job. *Please attend the next meeting with Sarah Ahmed.*

We were called at 2:25pm for a council meeting. Zain is the chair person (that means he takes over the meeting), so he led the meeting. We started the meeting today by sharing last week's meeting minutes. Then Mr Armitstead read a letter that said we have won the **IIP Award!** (*Please read attached letter*)

## **Lunchtime Playground Zoning:**

Football: Some councillors explained that their year-group football days are being spoiled by children from other years joining in. By breaking this rule you are being unfair. Play on your day!

Remember that your class football monitors will fetch the ball for you if it goes out of play.

Children feel the game area with stilts, rings & big feet is o.k but a lot of people want the small tennis balls back. Mrs Hutchinson said that because they are not all replaced and have gone missing, she will not let us have them until we learn to take responsibility.

Some people want to play tig at lunchtimes. There is a lot of time to play tig at playtimes. It is not safe to play at lunchtime so it is not allowed.

Mrs Hutchinson and the lunchtime staff are upset that a lot of children are complaining about playground zoning and not helping it to work. Your class had a vote that you wanted this change. So, your councillors are going to ask you some questions again. \* Please let councillors complete the playground survey now\*

If we stick with playground zoning Mrs Hutchinson will bring big games out.

**Eco-School Award:** The eco team had a meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January. They did an environmental review to see what our school is doing well and what we could do better. The next step is to write a plan of action from these results. Mr Armitstead says 'well done to Y5 with their environment topic - this type of work will help us to achieve the eco award'.

News just in: *Switch off fortnight!* It seems a long time ago now doesn't it! Well, we won a 'silver medal' for our efforts to save energy. This is a big step towards the eco award - Well done everybody! The certificate is on the eco-display in the dining room for everybody to see! *Remember to keep switching lights off!*

**LPPA:** We had another talk about how to involve parents in school life. Here's what some classes said: 6S - Invite parents to talk about Haj and religion in RE. 5C - Invite parents to see classrooms and lessons. Put class assembly reminders on the newsletter so more parents come.

Uzair said "our behaviour is better when parents come to school". Mr Armitstead said 'good' but then explained that teachers are like our parents when we are at school and our behaviour shouldn't be different to at home. Parents are always told about good and poor behaviour.

### **Class suggestions and issues:**

- Some children in years 4, 5 and 6 said they often got wrongly blamed for bad behaviour in the lunch line because someone else had pushed them or jumped in front of them, and staff didn't listen. (Mr A explained that sometimes this will happen until we learn to line up sensibly by showing the same respect we would have for our parents).
- Some children said that Claire's assemblies shouldn't go into our playtime
- Some said that morning playtimes were too short (Mr A explained that teacher's do their best to let us go on time)
- Can we have an Eid dinner 2 days after Eid?
- Can we have monkey bars to swing on?
- Can we use the ICT suite at lunchtime if a member of staff is with us?
- Can we buy pears and raisins from fruit tuck shop as well?
- Can we have lockers in year 5 and 6? (Mr A said children should take care to look after their belongings and check lost property straight away if something goes missing)

The meeting finished at 3:10pm.

The next meeting will be at 2:15 on Thursday in 2-3 weeks time.