



# Heaton St Barnabas School Council

## (Meeting Minutes - 6/01/11)



**Present:** Apologies from Iqra (4S). All others present, plus Mrs Hutchinson.

Mr Armitstead gave out the agenda and we started by discussing our school council roles (chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, vice secretary, treasurer, vice treasurer).

**Investors in Pupils Award:** Mr Armitstead thanked everyone for their hard work towards achieving the award and reminded us to stay focussed on our targets & class job roles. Our school was recommended to receive the award and we are awaiting a final decision from the IIP assessors.

**Lunchtime Playground Zoning:** We talked a lot about this today and made it a priority. Although school council confirmed that their classes definitely want to zone the playground, Mohammed (6P) pointed out that some children were not in favour of the idea. However, zoning the playground improves safety by reducing the risk of injury and ensures children are given a choice of how they spend their lunch playtime. **4 areas** were agreed, based on feedback from classes last half-term. These will be: Muga-end football area / Skipping & Hoop area / The 'Still' area / Game area. Sarah (6P) asked about the possibility of using the multi-purpose room as a 'quiet area' zone during winter lunchtimes so Mrs Hutchinson said she would look into this possibility.

Zone locations were discussed by the council and Mrs Hutchinson agreed to draw up a plan and create zones using cones to start with. She told the council that Mr Baker might have some spare money to spend on painting zone areas if we like them and make it work!! Ezza (5W) agreed to ask Mr Baker about this possibility before the next meeting.

To help make zoning work, Mr Armitstead suggested that each class football team has a 'zone monitor' or ball collector, so that only these 2 people leave the football zone to collect the ball. This stops players charging into other zones when the ball is kicked out. **Classes need to choose their football team ball collector ready for next week (to start from Wednesday).**

Mrs Hutchinson will explain lunchtime zoning further in special assembly on Wednesday next week.

**LPPA:** School needs to be a community where everyone is welcomed and has opportunities to get involved with school life, so we discussed how we can continue to involve parents. Here are some of the councillor's ideas:

- Invite parents to support school trips.
- Hold a presentation/photo session for parents to watch after each school trip.
- Invite parents into class to watch class topic presentations at the end of each half-term.
- Start the Busy Bees after-school club for children & parents (Crafts, picnics and BBQ's in summer!)
- Run an after-school child/parent cooking club

**ECO School Award:** The council didn't have time to discuss our eco aims but Mr Armitstead explained that the eco-team would meet and get busy again next week! Remember to keep switching unused **lights off** and '**shut down**' in the **ICT suite** if you're the last class of the day!

**Class suggestions and issues:** Class representatives didn't have anything to feedback, so remember to tell them your good ideas or any concerns that you have!

The meeting finished at 3:00pm!

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