**Multi School Council meeting minutes Chelmsford May 23**

**Present**

Rettendon Primary

A massive thank you to Rettendon Primary! So many fantastic ideas from the Eco Council today. Also, a big thank you for putting up with my technology issues 😊

So, we discussed the following;

Deaf Awareness – raising the profile

* Ensure that deaf or hearing-impaired young people are included and not left out
* When talking to someone with hearing loss make sure you don’t cover your mouth so people can lip read
* The information from the video will be passed on to the school council to share the ideas raised
* More sign language in schools. Rettendon already do sing and sign

Behaviour in schools - what works well and what could be improved

* Rettendon have a rewards system that encourages good behaviour – young people collect stamps each day and work towards a badge
* At the end of the week in assembly certificates are given out for good attendance and the whole school celebrates those that have achieved
* Excellent respect and manners to external visitors and in school is rewarded at the end of the week in assembly

Improvements

* Sometimes one person’s behaviour can stop learning and stop the rest of the class from having fun – this could be changed by having more individual support and the ability to have fiddle toys to aid concentration
* Sometimes football matches can get a bit rough at playtime – this could be improved by people being given a warning and a consequence like sitting on the bench. The referee could not only watch the game but also watch behaviour

Global Warming – adults and communities – what more could they be doing

Rettendon does a lot of work around this topic, they have the following in place

* Posters around school promoting recycling
* Make eco bricks
* Have a battery recycle station and young people bring used batteries into school to avoid them going into landfill
* Litter picking is done on a voluntary basis during break and lunchtimes
* They believe adults should follow children’s ideas
* Adults should encourage recycling
* More time should be spent outdoors to appreciate nature and make us more careful about protecting it
* The Eco Council have stickers that they award young people with when they witness someone being eco-friendly

Ideas for future agenda items

* Increasing outdoor learning as it is so good for mental health
* Increase gardening in schools
* Keeping school environment clean and tidy
* Have adults talk about their lives when they were at primary school

It was so lovely to meet you all – next time in person!

The stars of the meeting were Jessie and Emily for their fantastic contributions. 😊

If anyone would like to host the next MSC meeting please do get in touch.

**Chelmsford -** Thursday 5th October, Friday 8th December, Wednesday 7th February, Monday 18th March, Thursday 16th May, Tuesday 2nd July

We understand that some meetings may be hard to get to, especially as there are now more meetings. The children have suggested **virtual meetings** to support this and the dates/times of these are below.

Friday 6th October 10am – 11am

Tuesday 10th October 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Thursday 12th October 2pm – 3pm

Friday 1st December 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Thursday 7th December 10am – 11am

Monday 11th December 2pm – 3pm

Tuesday 6th February 10am – 11am

Monday 12th February 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Friday 15th March – 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Friday 22nd March – 10am – 11am

Tuesday 26th March – 2pm – 3pm

Monday 13th May – 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Friday 17th May 10am – 11am

Tuesday 21st May – 2pm – 3pm

Monday 1st July – 10am – 11am

Monday 8th July – 2pm – 3pm

Wednesday 10th July 1:30pm – 2:30pm

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