Harlow MSC Meeting

8th February 2024

Cooks Spinney Primary School

**Attendance**

Cooks Spinney Primary School

Fawbert and Barnard Primary School

**Apologies**

Oakview

Moreton

Alderton Infant / Junior School

Pear Tree Mead

**Minutes**

It was great to see everyone come together, especially that it was some of our young people’s first time as well!

We started off with:

1. Poverty – *What could be done to support more young people in schools?*

We had lots of great discussions about poverty and how it is so important that we raise awareness as well as providing lots of different ways to support young people.

* Spread awareness.
* Donate, you don’t need like clothes, toys, and electronic devices.
* Donate to food banks
* Schools to have donation boxes.
* Support charities
* To ask to borrow equipment if washing machine, etc broke down.
* Discuss about the fact that prices shouldn’t be high.

1. *Vote – Group to vote on our next focus topics from September 2024*

I asked everyone what they think should be our next focus topics from September and this is the tally I have collected from all the young people.

* Bullying/ behaviour in schools
* Dyslexia/ autism
* Mental health/ online safety
* Global warming/ crime
* Blind awareness/ mental health
* ADHD/ dyslexia
* Behaviour/ global warming
* ADHD/ preparing for adulthood
* ADHD/ mental health
* Blind awareness/ deaf awareness
* Mental health
* Behaviour/ crime
* Mental health/ autism
* Autism/ mental health
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We then went on our break, and it was lovely to see everyone playing with each other and using the sports equipment – certainly had lots of energy!

We then spoke about:

1. *How could the national curriculum be improved – What should young people be learning about in schools?*

This topic was certainly interesting to talk about and lots of great ideas from all the young people!

* Astronomy
* We need more movement activities in lessons.
* Life skills like first aid
* AI
* Needlework, sewing, etc.
* To speak different languages
* Coding
* Money awareness
* Greek mythology
* Learn about adulthood and how we can prepare ourselves for it.
* God Greeks
* To make food tech compulsory for all year groups, including secondary schools
* Bills/ taxes and how to make information more accessible for everyone.
* Learn how to turn take, share, etc.

Finally, onto the last item on the agenda: (Including cards)

1. *Board games – What are yours and your friends favourite board games to play (non-electronic)?*

* Chess
* Monopoly
* Cluedo
* Sorry
* Dominoes
* Chequers/ draughts
* Snakes and ladders
* Battleships
* Scattergories
* Connect 4
* Jenga
* Snao
* Uno
* Guess who
* Air hockey
* Table football
* Hop scotch
* Bingo
* Twister
* Chess
* Pictionary

Thank you all to the young people who attended today’s meeting, it was great to hear lots of your ideas and thank you to Cooks Spinney for being a fantastic host! The star of the meeting goes to Pippa from Cooks Spinney as her confidence has really grown!