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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Councillors - Democracy in Action!



Our School Councillors have been voted in by their peers this week.

Our first meeting was full of great ideas: a Y5 councillor has already suggested high netting on the Junior Football Pitch to stop footballs going over the fence: Mr Cooney is busy looking at ways to implement this. "I feel I've just gained 10 new bosses," said Mr Cooney with a wry smile as he opened up today.

We want our School Councillors to 'make a difference' this year, both in school and in our brilliant Bootle community, and that's where our Social Signature project comes in.

Social Signature Project

"Our Social Signature is the mark we leave on other people's lives, our community and parish, ourselves and the world around us." - Dr. Peter Hawkins, Windmills Foundation

The Windmills Foundation is a charity who believe the power is within us all to

accomplish infinitely more than we might think is possible and by believing in yourself and your capacity to do good, good things happen. This brilliant organisation has created the 'Social Signature' project for schools so children can be part of this vision.

This year, our school council will help us drive our Social Signature project. This project will have a different goal each half term where our pupils show they can make a difference. The project has six key areas that we will return to throughout the year: Learning; Safety; Poverty; Environment; Health and Relationships.

Autumn Social Signature Project: Giving a Helping Hand (Learning)

As part of "Learning" we will focus on "Giving a Helping Hand" this half term. Each School Councillor will lead a project for their class, either in school, at home or in our local parish. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will also take part in this exciting project.



Y6 School Councillor, Nell: "6L's ideas include, helping parents tidy the house and complete chores for a whole week; helping new pupils settle in; a class fundraiser to help Alder Hey. The class will vote to choose one of these: I can't wait to see what project we will use to 'give a helping hand' in 6L."

It is a key part of our mission in St Monica's to empower our pupils to understand that they have the power to make a difference in our world. Once your child's class have voted on their project, the class teacher will send out a letter outlining this half term's project for the class.

We will celebrate each project in our end of half term assembly, which we will stream so families can watch. This project extends to Nursery to Year 1, we want this project to

empower all of our children. Why not discuss ways your child can give a helping hand at home over the weekend? If you send in a photo to the office, your child will win a Mindset Award.

Attendance

Our attendance this week has been: 95.51%, with Miss Quick's class winning the best attendance with 99.31%. Well done, 3Q!

TT Rock Stars Day - Friday 11th October

We will be hosting our annual celebrations of all things Maths on Friday 11th October. All children, from Nursery to Year 6, will be able to dress up as a rock star for the day and get into the swing of things with exciting number games, times table championships, number bond games and inflatable guitars. Teachers will also get dressed up to celebrate this fantastic subject that gives us skills for life. Our Maths team will send out a letter with more information next week.

Mastermind

[Please check out our Mastermind section on our webpage.](#) We have built these quizzes in subjects such as History and Geography, and linked them to our curriculum so we can assess what 'sticky knowledge' our pupils can recall from their learning in class.

If your child can get full marks in a subject for their year group, they will win a certificate. It is fantastic when a pupil uses a key piece of sticky knowledge in their answers in class - why not use these tests to earn rewards like time to watch a TV show?

Term Dates

[Term dates can be found here](#), Autumn Half Term is Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November. We break up on Thursday 19th December for the Christmas holidays.

Photographs

Reminder, photographs for individual pupils and siblings will be next Friday, 4th October. Reminder texts will be sent out in advance. All pupils are to wear full school uniform on the day. If your child has PE, we will complete lessons that can be done in uniform.

Today's Assembly

In today's assembly, we discussed the parable of the 'Prodigal Son', and how the father in the parable embraced his son with unconditional love even after his son had wasted his money. We discussed the power of forgiveness and how families show one another unconditional love even when there are challenges or people make mistakes.

We spoke about how Jesus' love is unconditional and how we are loved no matter what, even if we make mistakes.

Yours sincerely,

Mr James Gouldbourne
Headteacher