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CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are so proud of all the wonderful work our school councillors have been doing that we just wanted to share with you all, some of their successes.

So far this year:

- They have passed on comments from their friends and classmates about likes and dislikes of school dinners and made excellent suggestions for new foods to serve.
- They have worked collaboratively with the Sustainable Transport Officer at the Local Authority to help him with his project "Go Smarter in North Tyneside". This addresses the safety of children and families around school entrances. They really impressed our visitor with their knowledge and confidence in contributing to the conversation and the older children were very respectful to make sure our younger children had their say. They brought up issues like safely crossing roads, not parking cars on the zig zags, pavements and double yellow lines, not idling with engines turned on while waiting for children to reduce air pollution and believing it was better to walk or cycle to school if possible.
- The school is celebrating its 120th anniversary this year and the School Councillors offered lots of ideas of how to celebrate this.
- They asked for new toys to be provided for the school yard. All their suggestions were put into place and the school yard is currently being reorganised to include a basketball court, netball court, quiet area, picnic area and football pitch. All the children are very excited about the changes happening.
- The School Councillors recently joined the Mayor, Chair of North Tyneside Council and Cabinet Member for the Environment and Tyne and Wear Lieutenant at Richardson Dees Park to mark the launch of a nationwide tree planting celebration. This is being organised by the North East Community Forest and the Queens Jubilee and special trees are being planted in all of our parks. The children really enjoyed being superstars for the day, mixing with all the dignitaries and making sure the tree had enough soil to grow in.
- One of our younger Councillors was particularly noticed for their bubbly personality and confidence and has been invited to help the Local Authority with their promotion of dog bans on our beaches. They are looking forward to being in a short film.

We are very proud of the excellent work our Councillors have done and how well they represent our school. We are sure you are too! Thank you to them all for all their continued hard work.

A **very special thank you also goes out to Miss Scouller** who has championed our School Council for many years now, coordinating nominations and voting, holding meetings and organising School Council events. She is a huge asset to our school and her hard work (in time that she volunteers) is much appreciated in school.

Mr W Myers, Headteacher

