



Dear Parent/Carer

Elections (Y1-Y6)

We will be holding Elections on Friday 1 October for the School Council and the Eco Council. If a child has been a school councillor or eco-council representative while in the infants they can reapply when they join the juniors. This letter has been produced for the children and to enable you to help your child. It will encourage them to think through the qualities that are needed as a class representative and prepare a 2 minute (or less) presentation or poster that they can show to their class on why they would make a good School Councillor or member of the Eco Council.

School Council

What is a School Council?

A School Council is a group of students who are elected to represent the views of all pupils and to improve their school. The School Council meets with Mrs Graham and is always very active and has a strong "voice" in the school.

Eco Council

What is the Eco Council?

The Eco Council is the heartbeat of the schools Eco action and learning. This year the Eco-council will meet termly (6 times a year) with Miss Lewis to work together to develop all things Eco related in the school. The Eco council was successful last year in achieving the Bronze Eco Schools award.

This year the Eco Council is responsible for putting together an action plan and working toward various awards. The Eco Council has been involved in saving the Koala's after the fires in Australia, recycling and litter picking.

The Presentations

Pupils wishing to stand as a School Councillor or Eco Council representative will be asked to prepare a 2 minute presentation to their class colleagues to persuade them to vote for them.

You will need to make sure that you convince the class that you will do a really good job in representing them. You only have 2 minutes though! Your teacher will tell you which day and at what time you can make your presentation. If you decide to do a PowerPoint presentation, please let your teacher know. Your child's teacher will let them know what day the presentations will take place.

Skills, talents and attitudes that a good School Councillor or Eco Council representative may demonstrate

- Leadership skills
 - School Council - The Chair and Vice (Year 6) may need to plan additional meetings throughout the year.
 - Eco Council - A member must be able to promote the good ideas of the Eco Council to the class and the wider school



• Organisational skills – to record suggestions in an organised way

- Communication skills
 - School Council - to present to the Council the views of their class and to talk to their classes about the outcomes of the School Council meeting. To talk to members of the public, new teachers etc. when they are representing the school
 - Eco Council- to present the views and ideas to their classes about the outcomes of the Eco Council meeting and speak in front of the school at eco assemblies. To talk to members of the public, new teachers etc. when they are representing the school
- Good memory to turn up to meetings at the right time and in the right place
- A positive attitude – to help see things in a good way
- A determined attitude – to help argue pupils' views if they feel very strongly about an issue
- An active person who does things
- An attitude that does not give up – will go to the meetings rather than carry on with a game of football etc!

There are many more talents and attitudes that you may want to bring into your presentation.

Important dates for this term

Week beginning 27th September – Presentations to the class

In class we will look at the voting slips and explain how the Election Day will work.

Friday 1st October – Election Day. Each pupil in each class will have the opportunity register their vote. The results will be announced that day.

Week beginning 4th October

- School Council Agenda Setting meeting with new Councillors and Mr Graham
- Eco Council meeting with Miss Lewis to set the priorities for the year.

If you need any further information, please ask your class teacher.

Thank you for your interest in these important school roles.

Mrs Graham

School Council

Miss Lewis

Eco Council