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School: Earl Soham Primary School	LA: Suffolk
Teacher: Mr Mansell	Students: School Council / Whole School
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Learning Focus: To share information about the plans and activities of the School Council.	
Curriculum Focus: School Council / Student Voice	
Tools used: Wiki	

The school council has 7 members chosen one from each year group. Find out how to get on the school council. We try and help make the school better.

Every Thursday we hold a School Council meeting. We either talk about how to improve things or plan an action from 'Teach Your Granny to Text' book. It's filled with actions to help recycle, grow crops and other strange but interesting facts.

We have also been involved in other missions this year. Click here to find out more.

Read the minutes of our latest meeting. The school council is here to help!

minutes of our latest meeting

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- In response to Mrs Barker's request the following clubs were suggested:
 - Tennis club
 - Cookery club
- In response to Mrs Barker's request for choosing time activity ideas the following were suggested:
 - Outside activities during the Summer term.
 - Golf
 - Films
 - Parachute
 - Junk modelling
 - Lego
 - Mobile
- The idea of a log bench was raised again to be situated in the hideout. Jeremy and William to research log benches.
- It was suggested that we have a friendship stop for children who have no-one to play with at break or lunchtime.

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- Mrs Barker would like the School Council to undertake a survey of PE activities people might like to see introduced. Also, are there any history topics that children would like to study?
- Charlie Cow and William to carry out survey.
- Jeremy to discuss Log bench idea with Yellow class to find out what they want.
- Yellow class to review choosing time activities as a class.
- Look into getting the train cleaned and varnished.
- Suggested that there should be a cospay club after school.
- It would be good to invest in a shelf to display wall of fame items that cannot be put on the wall.
- Murray to speak to Mr Pearce about sending Scholar Packs.

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Members

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Hannah - Year 6 Council Chair	Charlie - Year 5
Murray - Year 4	Jeremy - Year 3

How this worked in practice: The School Council have worked alongside a member of staff to create this Wiki to share their plans and activities with the other children in school. All children within the school are able to view the Wiki in order to keep aware of what their School Council representatives are working for on their behalf. They have created the main wiki page with WikiLinks to the key aspects of their work – Committee members list, 'missions' and minutes of meetings amongst others. They use a book called 'Teach your Granny to Text' as the starting point for many of their efforts to really make a difference within the school and beyond. The Wiki keeps the other children in school up to date with how the School council is working on their behalf and can be easily expanded or developed to include any changes or new 'missions' that the children undertake, and the children have created WikiLinks back to the main article from each additional page so that the children can easily navigate around the Wiki.

By the end of this sequence of work children had developed skills in:

Literacy: Reporting, Checking spelling, Vocabulary, Layout, writing instructions, Editing.

ICT: Embedding images, cutting and pasting Word processing (Wiki editing).

Learning: Drafting & editing, collaborating, communicating, co-constructing.

Next Steps: The school Council could gather the views of the rest of the children on key issues within their 'plan' using the survey or forum tool and could perhaps record video footage of some of their events and activities to share with the rest of the school community on a homepage.