


Pupil Council Minutes 2025 - 2026			
Date: 12.09.2025		School	St. Joseph's R.C. Primary
		Primary	St. Joseph's Members
		P1	Jensen
		P2	Rebecca
		P3	Liana
		P4	Lucas
		P5	Ebony
		P6	Robin
		P7	Ross, Myra (Ava W RRS Coordinator)
		Staff	Miss Lisi

Welcome – Miss Lisi welcomed our committee to our Term 1 meeting.

Previous Actions – Miss Lisi thanked the committee for completing the pupil consultations earlier in the term.

Pupil Consultation Feedback – Pupil council consulted both classes to gather any issues or suggestions for our meeting. The points raised are included in our minutes.

SHANARRI/Wellbeing

- **Healthy (Physical Activity and Nutrition)** – The pupils discussed the desire for longer P.E. sessions to keep everyone feeling more active. The children already receive the 2 hours per week that they are entitled to but are keen to do more. Alison Murray is now coming in at breakfast club times to provide active sessions and will be coming in this term to deliver badminton sessions with P5-7. She will do similar with the P1-4 class next term. The children would like to see monitors outside to help children resolve small conflicts. Staff have been looking at training the older children in 'peer mediation' so this might be something we can take forward. Also, the Primary 7's will be undertaking Playmaker training this year at some point which will empower them to help peers outside. The pupils are keen to keep our fruit bowls going and making sure that they are filled each week. The pupils would like more vegetables and fruits at lunch time and have been advised that schools do not set the lunch menus themselves, but crudités are offered every day along with portions of vegetables to encourage healthier eating.

Action – EC/ALW/LM/JM to make posters for around the school to promote healthy eating and to ask for more donations for fruit bowls.

RH/AW/MP/RR – start re-doing the Healthy Banner in the dining hall.

Miss Lisi to speak to Ms. Whorlow about the peer mediation training.

- **Nurtured (School Environment)** – The pupils would like to plant more plants and flowers and are still keen to have a gardening club in one of the terms. We currently have two after school clubs starting just now but will raise the request of a gardening club in the future. The children were also keen for more recycling bins and mentioned having labelled ones outside as well as inside.

Action – RH to start a sign up sheet to see who would be interested in a gardening club.

- **Safe (School Grounds and Cleanliness)** – The children generally feel safe in school but really don't like the litter left by others at nights. They are keen that the Eco Committee make their new litter picking rota and that it is stuck to by all pupils. They would like to see a more secure shed for their new equipment when they get it.

Action – AW to liaise with the Eco Committee about the litter picking

- **Active (Physical Activity Opportunities)** – See above for want of more P.E. which we have responded to with Alison Murray's sessions. Staff have also planned lots more outdoor lessons which will get the children outside and active. The pupils are extremely passionate about getting their outdoor toys that they have asked for with the money that they won. Will speak to the parent council about getting this actioned. There were also requests for a gymnast area and for the grass to have football pitch lines painted on it. Unfortunately the football pitch lines would not be lasting

as they would wash away and due to H&S reasons we cannot allow a gymnastics area without supervision.

Action - Pupil Council to speak to Parent Council re. outdoor toys and shed to keep them in.

- **Responsible (Health and Safety Awareness)** - Children asked to learn first aid training and this has now been arranged for this term. Letters have been sent home and pupils will engage in first aid and CPR training. Pupils asked for refreshers on online safety, password security and responsible use of social media/apps - this will be delivered by our new Digital Leaders. We have also arranged a police visit where the dangers of social media will be discussed. Children wanted to include tips on how to keep themselves and others safe at break times (kind hands, safe movement). - The House Captains and Vice Captains will go over the Wheel of Choice and Playground Charter with everyone again as a reminder since coming back after the school holidays.

Action - To get House and Vice Captains to go over the Wheel of Choice and Playground Charter with other pupils, reminding them of how we agreed we wanted our playground to be and how to resolve small disagreements ourselves outside.

RR - As Digital Expert, to get Digital Leaders to make new posters on the topics of online safety and responsible use of social media/websites to display in our STEM room.

Learning and Teaching

- **Achieving (Access to Resources and Choice in Learning)** - All pupils are really enjoying the iPads and are all able to use them. They would love to have more in each classroom which staff and Parent Council are trying to arrange. It was mentioned in the pupil consultations that more art supplies were wanted. We will have a look at what we have and what we could get to extend our arts and craft resources. A mix of 'more easy work' and 'more challenging work' were common requests which is a reminder that challenge and support are both important, staff will continue to differentiate lessons and adapt to individual needs. Pupils asked for feelings charts for their work and suggestion boxes for ideas. Pupils already regularly traffic light their work and pupil council will make a new suggestion box for the foyer where all pupils can put in ideas for learning and all aspects of their school life.

Action - RH/EC/ALW to make suggestion box for the foyer for pupils to put in ideas and suggestions.

Miss Lisi to enquire about art supplies.

Any other Issues/Ideas

- **Respected** - The children really enjoy recognition of effort in and out of school and believe this motivates them so to make sure this is kept up. We already have daily class recognition, Star Value of the week and achievements are mentioned on our school blog, facebook page and classdojo. Children were keen on more 'show and tell' so to remind and encourage them to bring in any achievements or interests to show with others and be recognised. The pupils are very positive and happy about wanting to work hard and be kind and how well the teachers support them. P7s mentioned that they would like their leavers hoodies early again this year and would like to keep the individual colour choice to make their leavers experience more memorable and special.

Action - Staff to keep up the pupil recognition and achievement and pupils to tell staff anything that happens out of school.

Miss Lisi to enquire about Leavers hoodies.

- **Included** - The children were very strong about wanting the school values to be upheld and for everyone to be included. They don't want anyone being left out and expressed (again) the want for a buddy bench and possibly a friendship teddy. They mentioned introducing a buddy system at break/lunch so that everyone has someone to play with. They are keen to make our already close-knit school have an even tighter bond with everyone feeling happy and having friends. School values are reiterated at assemblies each week and, as above, P7s will be undertaking Playmakers training which will help with outside.

Action - Miss Lisi to look into the Buddy Bench again.

All pupils to continue making the positive posters to go around the school as the children really enjoy seeing them.

Rights Respecting Schools

- **Achieving (Actions for Improvement)** - A meeting has been scheduled with Portpatrick Pupil Council to ask them questions about how they got their RRSA Gold on 19th September. This will help us to prepare for going for our Gold Award.

Action - All Pupil Council to attend this Teams Meeting if possible.

- **Included (Actions for Improvement)** - To keep sharing the pocket book of rights until the whole school has shared this with their families, helping to spread awareness of children's rights beyond the school.

Action - Senior Pupil Council pupils to make sure pocket book of rights is distributed to all. (MP currently has the pack)

Leading Change

- **Achievement (Leading Learning)** - STEM and Digital Leaders are keen to lead lunchtime clubs to share STEM and digital skills with others, helping everyone achieve more.



Action - Liaise with these groups to see which terms they would like to run their clubs.

- **Included (Pupil Voice)** - A new suggestion box will be set up in the foyer so every pupil can share ideas, giving everyone a voice in school decisions.

Action - As above in 'Pupil Consultation Feedback' section.

AOB - Miss Lisi thanked everyone for their time and hard work

- **Date of Next Meeting** - To be scheduled

 	Pupil Council Actions	Who by?	When by?
	Make posters to promote healthy eating and ask for more fruit donations	EC, ALW, LM, JM	End of September
	Start re-doing the Healthy Banner in the dining hall	RH, AW, MP, RR	End of 2025
	Speak to Ms Whorlow about peer mediation training	Miss Lisi	By next meeting
	Start a sign-up sheet for pupils interested in a gardening club	RH	By next meeting
	Liaise with Eco Committee about litter picking rota	AW	By next meeting
	Speak to Parent Council about outdoor toys and shed to keep them in	All Pupil Council (led RR & MP)	Before Parent Council Meeting
	Go over Wheel of Choice and Playground Charter with pupils to remind them of agreed playground behaviour	RR, MP, AW	Before end of term
	Get Digital Leaders to make new posters on online safety and responsible use of social media/websites	RR with Digital Leaders	By next meeting
	Make a new suggestion box for the foyer for pupils to put in ideas and suggestions (decorate/label too)	RH, EC, ALW, LM, JM	By next meeting
	Enquire about more art supplies	Miss Lisi	By next meeting
	Enquire about Leavers Hoodies	Miss Lisi	By next meeting
	Attend Teams Meeting with Portpatrick Pupil Council about RRSA Gold	All Pupil Council	By 19 th September
	Make sure the pocket book of rights is distributed to all pupils	MP, RR, AW, RH	Ongoing
	Liaise with STEM and Digital Leaders to plan lunchtime clubs and decide which terms they will run them	RR, AW, MP	By end of October