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Dear Parent/Carer,

Big Meetings at Alloway Primary

Pupil voice is strong in our school as our children use Wee HGIOS to reflect on being a part of Alloway Primary. We have previously run committees for P4-7 pupils however we have realised that these committees weren't having the impact that the children deserve to see.

This session, we are going to trial "Big Meetings" in our classes throughout the whole school which will replace committees. Throughout the term, we will have a Big Meeting at a time that suits.

During our Big Meetings, teachers will talk to pupils about current events in an age appropriate manner, with the goal being that pupils will identify an issue that they would like to change. Ideally, the pupils will cover four "projects" per term from the following areas:

- Rights Respecting Schools
- Eco Schools
- Digital Leaders
- Inclusion

The benefits of "Big Meetings are"

- Dedicated time for pupils to explore their rights, linking it to their current learning, targets and needs.
- Time where everyone in the school is working on change, so classes have the opportunity to come together to collaborate.
- The opportunity for personalisation and choice that is linked to the interests of the children.
- Time to explore the global goals in a way that is meaningful to their learning.
- Time to explore meta-skills with the children for them to understand how their learning links with real life skills for work.
- Opportunities to develop the school curriculum through working towards various school awards such as RRS, eco schools or digital schools award.
- Opportunities for "ambassadors" to be created in each class – mini experts who can work with others classes to share their knowledge and skills.

We currently hold the following awards and we're positive our Big Meetings will benefit and give ownership to our pupils in a meaningful way.

- Gold Rights Respecting School
- Green Flag holders for Eco Schools
- Working towards becoming a Digital School.
- Awarded Dyslexia and Inclusive Practice School by South Ayrshire Council

Yours sincerely,

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Principal Teacher

