

## PUPIL VOICE

### PUPIL VOICE ZONE

Our Pupil Voice page is the home of our new Sacred Heart School Council and Friendship Squads.

Our Pupil Voice School Council (PVSC) is made up of representatives from Y1-Y6. The PVSC first met on 15th February 2007.

Friendship Squad training took place throughout the Spring Terms 2007 & 2008.

### CHILDREN'S RIGHTS:

Download a leaflet or booklet about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Find out more at the UNICEF website.

### PROJECT PALESTINE:

The PVSC joined up with Adham Khalil to make children smile in Palestine:

## BLOGS:

Join our PVSC Blog - [click here](#)

Join our Rights Respecting School Blog - [click here](#)

## OUR COUNCIL:

Councillors and their behaviour and attitude

- Councillors, as representatives of pupils of the school agree to maintain the highest standards of behaviour

- The councillors will treat with politeness any visitors to the meeting

- Pupils can stand for election to be councillors as often as they want while they are part of the school

#### Voting and selection procedures

- A councillor may be voted off the council if their behaviour in school becomes a problem
- If a vote is a tie, the chairperson will have the deciding vote.
- All decisions taken at school council meetings shall be by show of hands with votes for and against recorded.
- The secretary will be selected by the chairperson.
- The link teacher or headteacher can vote in school council meetings.
- The chairperson will be decided by the link teacher or headteacher.

#### Structures and procedures at school council meetings

- Meetings will only occur when the link teacher or headteacher is present.
- The council will invite a wide range of people to meetings to help the councillors make the best decisions.
- The link teacher or headteacher will have the right to prevent the school council making a decision that s/he considers is not the responsibility of the council or within its powers to decide.

- Minutes will be taken at every council meeting and every decision made will be carefully written down.
- School council meetings will be held whenever time permits
- The council must make sure that all people likely to be affected by a decision are informed first and have a chance to comment.
- The link teacher or headteacher will have the right to prevent the school council discussing any issues that s/he believes the council do not have the right to discuss or the power to do anything about.
- The chairperson is in charge of the school council meeting and has the right to silence people or remove them from the meeting if they are behaving badly.
- The agenda will be decided at the meeting by all the councillors.

#### Promoting the school council: giving the school community a voice

- The school council will have a noticeboard in a prominent place in the school.
- There will be a school council suggestion box near the front entrance of the school for anyone, including parents and visitors to the school, to make comments to the school council.
- There will be a school council suggestion box in each classroom for children to make comments to their councillors.

#### School council rights and responsibilities

- The council will have a responsibility to help the school become more environmentally friendly.
  
- The council fully supports the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and will always try to address issues which threaten or violate these rights.
  
- All members of the school will be informed of the decision the council has taken.
  
- The council will have the responsibility to think of ways to help the local community become a safer, healthier and more peaceful place to live in.