



School Council

Subject Leader Report 2024-2025



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Autumn Term

The School Council at Masefield continues to play an essential role in representing the pupil voice and driving positive change across the school. The school councillors were elected through a democratic process, where each class held a vote to choose their representatives. This allowed every child to have a voice and experience the principles of democracy in action, one of the core British Values. Pupils were encouraged to consider the qualities needed in a councillor, and candidates gave speeches outlining their ideas. This process not only reinforced the importance of fair decision-making but also highlighted the value of mutual respect and individual liberty, key aspects of British Values.

The School Council holds regular meetings to plan and prepare for events throughout the year. These meetings provide a structured opportunity for councillors to discuss ideas, set priorities, and organize activities that benefit the whole school community. By planning in advance, the council ensures events are well-coordinated and meaningful, fostering pupil engagement and involvement. These sessions also help develop important skills such as teamwork, communication, and responsibility, as councillors take an active role in shaping the school's calendar and initiatives.

The School Council had the exciting opportunity to meet the Mayor of Bolton at the Town Hall to learn more about his role and responsibilities. During the visit, the councillors discovered how the Mayor represents the community, promotes local initiatives, and makes decisions that benefit Bolton. This experience helped the children draw connections between his role and their own, as both involve leadership, listening to others, and working to improve their communities. The meeting inspired the councillors to take pride in their responsibilities and highlighted the importance of being active, positive contributors to their school and wider community.

So far this year, the School Council has planned several events, including our annual Macmillan Coffee event to raise money for charity. This event really does bring the school community together, with pupils, staff, and families contributing baked goods and donations to support a worthy cause. The council drives forward the idea that small contributions from everyone can collectively make a significant difference. This message of collaboration and generosity inspires widespread participation and demonstrates the power of working together to achieve a common goal.

In the Spring term, the School Council will work closely with Bright Leaders to support Masefield in achieving the Unicef Rights Respecting Award. This partnership will help councillors deepen their understanding of children's rights and develop leadership skills to promote these values across the school. Through workshops and collaborative projects, the council will take an active role in embedding the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into daily school life, ensuring that all pupils understand and respect their own rights and the rights of others.



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