

School Council @ Tranmere Park Primary School – 2023/24

Continuing on from last year, our school council representatives have decided that all projects they take on, will fall under 4 main categories. These are: pupils, school grounds, the community and teachers. Every individual project will focus solely on one of these categories, with the aim of enhancing provisions, well-being and links within the chosen area.

Project	Category	Pupils Involved	Details
Class Speeches	Pupils, school grounds, the community and teachers.	All School Council Members	After elections, the new school council members delivered a mini-presentation to their own class. They shared who they are, what their role is and that this year, we plan to continue to base our projects on the four main categories of: pupils, school grounds, the community and teachers.
Suggestion Boxes	Pupils, school grounds, the community and teachers.	All School Council Members	Each school council member will create a suggestion box to place in their classes. Pupils can use this to make suggestions / share their ideas of how to improve the school, focusing on our new 4 main project areas.
World Teachers Appreciation Day Shout Outs (October 5 th)	Teachers	All School Council Members	October the 5 th is world teacher appreciation day. The school council team decided they would like to do a little something to say thank you to their teachers. This week, they have spent some time making cards which they plan to deliver, alongside a sweet treat, to their teachers on Thursday.

Wind Down Wednesday Club	Pupils	All School Council Members	After the success of 'Chill Out Tuesday' last year, the new school council team have decided to set up their own version called 'Wind Down Wednesday'. Like last year, this will be a lunchtime club held for pupils who just need a bit of chill time throughout the week. This term, it will run for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. After Christmas it will swap to Years 3,4,5 and 6.
Black History Month – 'Person of the Week'	Pupils	All School Council Members	The school council team felt it was important that we help celebrate Black History Month. For this, they have decided to do 'Person of the week'. Each week in October, they will choose an inspirational person to talk about/focus on with their class. They will Find out about who they are, what they do and why they're so inspirational.
AVSED Christmas Appeal	Community	All School Council Members	Tranmere have been asked by AVSED to create Christmas pictures, decorations, and cards (with nice messages in) to send off with their Christmas newsletters this year. School council are very keen to support this and are currently on a mission to get as many pupils creating as many pictures, decorations, and cards as they can before the sending deadline.
Manning Stainton Christmas Card Competition 2023	Community, Pupils and School.	All School Council Members	This year, the school council team are very keen to get involved in 'Manning Stainton's Christmas Card Competition.' Manning Stainton are looking for school children to design their official Christmas card of 2023. The winner's design will be printed onto this year's Christmas cards. There are also individual and school prizes up for grabs for both the winner and runner up.

Cenotaph Visit	Community.	KS2 School Council Members.	This year, KS2 school council members were chosen to represent Tranmere at this year's memorial service in Guiseley.
Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Sock Day.	Pupils.	All School Council Members.	All councillors will discuss with their class that Anti-Bullying Week will take place between the 13th and 17th of November. They will also share that they would like all children to show their support by coming into school on Monday (13th) in a pair of odd/crazy socks. No donation needed. On odd sock day, school council will talk to their class about the meaning of Anti-Bullying week and will discuss this year's theme - 'Make a Noise.'
Advent Calendar	Teachers	All School Council Members.	School Council have started to get into the Christmas spirit this week (perhaps slightly early as it's only November 16th!) and have decided it would be a nice idea to create something special for the teachers. During our meeting at lunch, they spent their time wrapping up chocolates and sweets to create an advent calendar. Throughout December, they will visit different members of staff each day and let them choose a treat to unwrap. We may have gotten slightly over excited today, and may have ended up wrapping up one of our team members...

National Day of Listening	Pupils	All School Council Members	Friday 24th November is National Day of Listening. School council are going to use this day to ensure they make a conscious effort to listen to pupil suggestions from their class. This may be through whole class discussions, group chats or, individual conversations they have with their peers that day. They will then write down these suggestions and post them into their suggestion boxes ready to bring to our next meeting. To encourage their peers to talk to them/show they are ready to listen, school council have created badges to wear on Friday.
Chess Club	Pupils	All School Council Members – club set up. KS2 – running of the club.	At today's lunchtime meeting, school council found that the majority of their suggestion boxes contained suggestions asking for a chess club. So, they have decided to set one up! This will run on a Tuesday breaktime (supervised by the KS2 members if they would like to join) and will initially be offered to KS1 children. After a term, this will swap to KS2.
Kay's Incredible Inventions Competition. (In partnership with The Little Inventors)	Pupils	All School Council Members.	The school council team have been contacted by The Little Inventors. who have teamed up with Adam Kay as part of 'Kay's Incredible Inventions' and are asking children to create an invention that will change the world forever. All designs will be featured on the Little Inventors website, and the winning design will... 1. Feature in Adam Kay's new Incredible Invention book (set to be released in 2024) 2. Receive a Young V&A membership (museum in London) 3. Have their designs built in real life by the Little Inventors. All councillors will try their best to get as many of their peers as possible involved in this competition.

Warburtons Healthy Lunch Competition	Pupils	All School Council Members	Warburtons are looking for children in the UK to design a 'healthy lunchbox' as part of their eating well campaign. 4 lucky designers will be selected to receive goody bags for their whole class plus a voucher to create their healthy lunchbox in real life. School council are keen for Tranmere to get involved in this, both as a fun competition and a way of promoting healthy eating to all children in school.
The Big Ambition Survey	Community	All School Council Members 6+	This week, the school council team have taken part in Dame Rachel De Souza's (Children's ambassador for England) 'Big Ambition Survey.' The Big Ambition survey aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions, and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.
Children's Mental Health Week 7-Day Kindness Calendar.	Pupils	All School Council Members	To fit in with our 'Children's Mental Health Week' Assembly that we watched on Monday, School Council have tasked all classes with filling in a 7-day kindness calendar. Every day this week, they would like all pupils to write down one kind thing they have done for another person, and also, one kind thing they have done for themselves!

Vision for Education's Easter Egg Competition	Pupils	All School Council Members	This week, school were contacted by Vision for Education to see if anyone would like to take part in their Easter Egg Competition. School council were very keen to promote this to their peers and after today's meeting, took entry posters and forms back to their classes to share the news. Vision for Education are offering a basket of chocolate eggs to each school that takes part and, they will also award the overall winner with a big prize hamper for their school, which includes an android tablet!
North West Youth Summit	Community	KS2 School Council Members	Today, some of the School Council team have been to Leeds to take part in the Outer North West Youth Summit. They had a great day meeting and chatting to a number of local councillors, as well as the Lord Mayor and Leeds Child Mayor. Together they have made some very big decisions about how the Youth Activity Fund for Leeds will be spent in the coming year... so watch this space! School Council would just like to say a HUGE thank you to Leeds City Council for the invitation, and also to our friend Jacob from Codswallop for hosting the day - he did an outstanding job of keeping us informed, excited and entertained!
Menu Planning with Leeds Catering	Pupils / Community	All School Council Members	Leeds Catering have been in touch with school to ask for help in planning some of their 'themed day' menus for 2024/2025. School council's task now is to share the news, listen to their peers, gather ideas, then meet again to decide upon some menus.

Rise Awards for Schools 2024 Poster Competition.	Pupils / Community	All School Council Members	This week, the school council team were contacted by a student at Leeds Beckett University, asking them to get involved in their sustainability poster competition that runs alongside their Rise Awards for Schools Conference. Pupils have been asked to create a poster to share your ideas and research on how we can make a more sustainable world. All entries will receive a certificate and any lucky winners will have their poster displayed at the competition, as well as receiving a trophy and a book.
Alternative Playground Provision	Pupils	All School Council Members	Today, School Council have been busy setting up some alternative provisions on both the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. Between now and summer, when the weather is nice, the team will be providing a small chess and colouring area for the children to enjoy.
Breeze Summer T-Shirt Competition	Community	All School Council Members	This week, School Council have been encouraging Tranmere to get involved in the 'Breeze Leeds' summer competition. Breeze Leeds is an organisation that strives to give all children and young people in Leeds access to a wide range of rich and diverse cultural and sporting activities. For the past 20 years, they have held their summer 'Breeze in the Park' event across a number of different parks in the city. This event includes interactive play zones, art zones, fun fairs, inflatables and food. To celebrate their 20th anniversary, Breeze are asking children and young people to design an 'Ollie the Leeds Owl' t-shirt. The winner's t-shirt will be printed and worn by Ollie the mascot all summer!

Pizza Express – End of Year Treat!	N/A	All School Council Members	Not a project... just a treat! As a thank you to our school council members for all their hard work this year, they spent the morning at Pizza Express, taking part in an authentic pizza making experience.
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