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# MPA School Council

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first MPA school council newsletter for 2021. It has been a challenging year for everyone but we are extremely proud of how the MPA pupils and their families have come together and supported not only our school but also our wider community throughout the last term.

We are very excited to share what we have achieved so far this year and also some events that we have planned over the coming months. We hope that we will be able to continue with these events once the lockdown is over and restrictions are eased.

## September 2020

To start the academic year a new school council was elected and our committee for the year 2020/2021 was formed. School council representatives were awarded a badge which we wear with pride around the school to let our classmates know who to talk to about issues and requests within the school. This year we also appointed deputy school council representatives who will assist the primary representative and also stand in for them if they are absent.

Name	Role	Year Group	Class
<b>Oliver L</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Y2</b>	<b>Willow</b>
Anabelle C	Deputy	Y2	Willow
<b>Frankie B</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Y2</b>	<b>Maple</b>
Levi R	Deputy	Y2	Maple
<b>Tilly S</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Y3</b>	<b>Sycamore</b>
Amelia C	Deputy	Y3	Sycamore
<b>Harmony C</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Y3</b>	<b>Beech</b>
Lily P	Deputy	Y3	Beech
<b>Abbie O</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Elm</b>
Alex H	Deputy	Y4	Elm
<b>Ellie S</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Chestnut</b>
Dylan N	Deputy	Y4	Chestnut
<b>Mya T</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Y5/6</b>	<b>Ash</b>
Rosie P	Deputy	Y5/6	Ash
<b>Isa C</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Y5/6</b>	<b>Oak</b>
Mylie N	Deputy	Y5/6	Oak
<b>Rubi A</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Y5/6</b>	<b>Hazel</b>
Ismael F	Deputy	Y5/6	Hazel

## October 2020 - Break a Rule Day

We asked Ms Butler if she would let the entire school break one of the school rules on the last day of term (23<sup>rd</sup> October) and she said YES!!! To take part all pupils donated £1 and were then allowed to wear odd socks or trainers, paint our nails or style our hair however we liked. There were prizes for the best hair styles and as you can see from the photo below, it was lots of fun!! **We raised £240** towards our new laptop appeal.



## November 2020 - Turn Tilehurst Red



November was an exciting month as Meadow Park Academy participated in the Turn Tilehurst Red Campaign to mark 102 years since the end of WW1. The entire school pulled out all the stops this year and created an amazing display for our front gates. We honoured not only our military but also the NHS and Sir Captain Moore.



## November 2020 - MPA Harvest Festival

At the beginning of the new term, we organised a Harvest Festival to support local charity New Beginnings. This charity supports local people in need due to social or economic reasons. We collected **30 boxes** of essential and non-perishable items that were kindly donated by MPA families. These items included tins of food, pasta, beans, rice as well as soap, deodorant and shampoo. We then boxed everything up and presented them to the New Beginnings representative that collected them on the 13th November. We had a lovely email thanking everyone in the MPA community for their support.



*"Thank you for your mail and thank you too for arranging a harvest festival on behalf of New Beginnings Reading. It is so heart-warming to hear about children wanting to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate members of our society." Ken Stent, Trustee*

## December 2020 – Christmas Jumper Day

To start the Christmas festivities, MPA supported another local charity Daisy's Dream by taking part in their Christmas Jumper Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. Daisy's Dream support bereaved children and their families. All pupils donated £1 and wore their cosy and colourful jumpers. **We raised £251.67** for Daisy's Dream and had lots of fun at the same time!

*"We are delighted that Meadow Park Academy has chosen to support Daisy's Dream; it really is appreciated." Jenny Evans, Daisy's Dream*



## December 2020 - Christmas Toy Appeal

After the success of last year, we wanted to support the children who would be spending Christmas in hospital by launching another toy appeal. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions we could not visit the hospital ourselves this year but we were able to help load up the minibus. We received a photo and tweet, the hospital staff were overwhelmed by the generosity of MPA pupils, families and staff. What a fantastic way to end the year!!

**@RoyalBerksChar**

*Thank you so much @MPATilehurst This will make such a difference to children this Christmas! You're all amazing!!*



## December 2020 – Class Christmas Gift Sale

Unfortunately, the school were unable to organise the usual Christmas Fayre this year, but the School Council still wanted to make and sell the class Christmas crafts. So we created some snazzy leaflets and order forms and the classroom elves worked their magic! Every pupil in the school had the opportunity to make a craft to be purchased by their family members. We also sold stocking filler gifts and sweetie bags as additional items. This was not only a fun way to end the term but we also **raised £369.34** for our new laptop appeal.



## Events coming up.....

We are hoping that once the current Covid -19 lock down has ended and it is safe to do so, we will be able to continue with the following events planned for the remainder of the year. It is unclear as to when we will be able to proceed so there are no dates set as yet.

**MPA Movie Night** Sadly, due to Covid-19 restrictions we were unable to host the MPA movie night last term. This will be the first event we will host when we are able to. If you have already bought a ticket, then this will have secured your place for the event. Additional tickets will be available once we reschedule the date and all money raised will go to the laptop appeal.

**Snack Shack and Bric-a-Brac** The school council team will be organising a sale of second hand toys, books and games as well as a "Snack Shack" of healthy home-made food to our MPA families. We had so much fun hosting this event last year and we look forward to doing it all again, hopefully in the summer term. All money raised will go to the laptop appeal.

**Skipping Competition.** As a fun way to end the term, the school council will organise a school skipping completion to raise money for our local charity "Parenting Special Children" [www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk](http://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk). More details will follow but we hope you help us support this wonderful charity.

**School Disco** There will be separate sessions for EYFS/KS1 and KS2. Tickets will be available at £4 each and includes snacks, drink and light toy served by the school council. We will also be running competitions for the best dressed and best dancers. All money raised will go to the laptop appeal.

**Break a rule day** This was such a fun and successful day; we think we can convince Ms Butler to let us break some more rules! All pupils will again donate £1 to break a rule and all money raised will go to the laptop appeal.

## And Finally.....

We are a true community at Meadow Park Academy, during these challenging times the kindness and generosity of all our pupils, staff and families could not be more prevalent. It is through this strong network of inspiring people that we can truly shine and support not only ourselves but those in our wider community.

Thank you for all your support

The MPA School Council.

