

NEWS FROM BOLNEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School and Eco Council Elections



Over the last couple of weeks, the school has been abuzz with children in Silver Birch and Holly Classes campaigning to be nominated onto the School and Eco Council. It all started with an assembly explaining to all the children the purposes of the two councils and what qualities a good representative should demonstrate. The children realised that our school values of love, respect, honesty and resilience would play a huge part, alongside our curriculum characteristics of, for example: young leaders, change makers and negotiators. Once they understood the roles, the children had the opportunity to nominate themselves by getting someone to endorse their nomination. After that, the campaigns started in earnest with posters going up around the school and children pledging to make a change and to listen to their classmates' views. In class, some nominees even gave a presentation to persuade their classmate that they would make the best candidate.



Tuesday was voting day and the hall was transformed into a polling station where the newly elected Year 6 house captains, the school pride ambassadors and the School and Eco captains set up and ran the event.



The voting Process

Queuing!



“It felt like a professional experience,” Arthur Y6

“It was well organised and the children understood what they had to do,” Eddie Y6

“It felt like a proper polling station,” Tristram Y3

“I felt like a leader,” Henry Y6

X marks the spot!



“It was something new and I liked the change,” Sophie Y3

“It was exciting to know who won,” Isla Y3

“It was fun to do it a different way,” Saskia Y5

Checking in!



Posting our vote!



After everyone had had the chance to place their crosses in the chosen boxes, the votes were counted and verified by the Year 6 team. It was a tense wait for Friday when the School and Eco Council were announced in assembly. The two councils will have representatives from Silver Birch, Holly and Beech with Willow reps joining in the summer term and they already have lots planned to develop the school and to support its learners. The eco team have applied for a hedging grant to plant new hedges along the bottom of the playground as well as entering a competition to win money for the school and the school council are going to be involved in the design for our new-look library space and in updating the school anti-bullying policy.