

LEAD ADVISORY BOARD REPORT 2023-2024 : Pupil Voice

Advisory Board : Greystoke

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Review of Academic Year 2023-2024

Aims

- To give students an opportunity to have their ideas and feedback heard, and their questions answered.
- To encourage pupil participation – be part of the solution, not just complain about the problem.
- To give leadership opportunities in a range of areas of school life.
- To increase pupil participation in aspects of wider school organization and their own areas of interest.
- Create regular opportunities for children to share their views with each other and school staff.

We encourage every child to contribute and to express their thoughts and ideas which we value, respect and celebrate. We do this in different ways throughout the school year:

- *In class, children are encouraged to contribute to lessons*
- *There is a School Council meeting every half term where issues or viewpoints are discussed.*
- *We have pupil questionnaires to gather ideas and opinions about curriculum topics.*
- *Children who have PPPs (Personalised Provision Plan) discuss their targets with their class teacher.*
- *Children with Statement of SEN share their views before the review meetings.*

The voices of stakeholders at Greystoke School are essential to our school community. Therefore, their views and opinions are both valued and encouraged. Pupil voice is embedded into the culture and ethos of the school but there are always ongoing projects and initiatives. This year's focus has been involving pupils in the development of 'The Greystoke Way' enabling children to articulate what it means to be a historian, a scientist and a geographer.

As part of The National Strategy for Sustainability and Climate Change in Education, The School Council have been looking at sustainability and the reduction of paper usage in the School by both pupils and teaching staff as part of the school climate action plans.

Structures within school

- School council (Yr2-Yr6)/– now run by Niamh Hutton, formerly by Alice Walker.
- Assemblies – Pupil Takeovers.
- Hot Chocolate with Headteacher/SLT.
- Well- being Box in each classroom.
- Every Year Six pupil has whole school responsibility ranging from librarians, Dining hall supervisors, ICT Ambassadors, and Sports Ambassadors overseen by Sarah Hill & Christy Reid. They all have opportunities to choose their role and wear a named pin badge to identify them.
- ASHA Ambassadors.
- Ministry of the Future for Year Fives.

New initiatives for 2023-2024

The introduction of 'The Greystoke Way' this year encourages children to articulate their views and knowledge of learning. The aim is that Greystoke will have a refined fingerprint model to each curriculum area with five key aims of each subject. The school will have an embedded culture with a clear ethos, vision and values which are embedded and upheld across the school from all stakeholders. This will be known as 'The Greystoke Way'. Presently the school is focusing upon Geography, History and Science.

This needs further time to consolidate and refine as Pupil interviews conducted in the Spring Term revealed that the whole school values are embedded and well known by most children. However, the language of 'fingerprints' (intent of our curriculum) and the clarity of what it means to conduct themselves in 'The Greystoke Way' were less clear.

What's working well

- School Council–Laura Powell & Emma Cockram.
- Welfare ambassadors –Karen Marriott & year 6 prefects.
- Sport ambassadors –Niam Hutton & Year 6 prefects.
- Playtimes & Lunchtime provision Happy Lunch times initiative embedded and working well.
- Ministry of The Future (for Year Fives) An annual student Leadership Conference at Nottingham Trent University which is a Discovery Trust initiative. The current aim is focused on how the school can develop more awareness of sustainability. This year the focus has been on reducing the amount of paper used in school and reducing the amount of photocopying undertaken. Figures were captured at the start of the year and will be captured again at the end. This is overseen by Lizzie Wright.
- Dining Experience, with support from Food for Life - A new dining hall layout for eating lunch has been set up to enhance the dining experience for children based upon children's feedback.
- Lunch time clubs have been introduced and many are supported by Student Ambassadors (held once a week for 30 minutes)Lunchtime Clubs now include:
Choir, Gardening, Reading, Art, Colouring, Coding & computing than run alongside the successful sports and Fitness clubs.

Areas of concern for pupils

- Unstructured sessions – playtimes & lunch times – ongoing alongside the development of the forest area.
- To develop Woodland Area as an outdoor Learning space – this is being funded by sponsorship month and FoG committee in academic year 2023-24.
- To continue to improve access to sports and fitness activities (James Cooper).
- To improve the meal offer at lunchtime in response to low uptake and pupil feedback.

Impact/ benefit

- Benefit to school environment- Replanting, school garden, playground toys, The Memorial Garden.
- Improved behaviour during unstructured sessions - see CPOMs.
- Better relationships and dialogue across the whole-school community.
- Improving attainment by resolution within lunchtimes with fewer distressed children and incidents to follow up.
- Sports & Fitness Clubs taking place alongside established Lunchtime Clubs.
- Pupil voice section now defined on the website.
- Collation of Pupil Voice decisions will now be kept in a Pupil Voice Book (Kept in the Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher Office) recorded by the children themselves.

And finally...

It's a special place I have to say. A place that we can learn and play. Trying our hardest come what may. Always doing it, The Greystoke Way!

Lily year 1

Greystoke is a great school because the children are kind, respectful and caring!

Sienna year 4

I love school because all the teachers are lovely and kind. We get to use touch screen computers and do multiplication checks. There's Fun lunchtime clubs. I get to do Coding Club. I Love Greystoke.

Poppy , Year 3

I make loads and loads of friends. I like learning. I like the teachers.

Harper,Reception

