



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council was set up in September 2002 to enable the children to have a greater say in the running of their own school. In this way, our children have a greater sense of belonging, become more confident when putting forward ideas and develop a greater understanding of the need to work co-operatively for the good of others.

The School Council meets once every half-term to discuss a variety of topics that may have been raised by class representatives or as a result of previous meetings or because of new developments in school. At the beginning of September, every class selects two children to become their representatives.

As always, the elections ran very smoothly this year. The new candidates for 2008-2009 are:

Chloe(R), Finlay(R), Maisy(Y1), James(Y1), Eshan(Y2), Sumayah(Y2), Jonathan(Y3), Antonia(Y3), Madeleine(Y4), Noman(Y4), Kate(Y5/6) and Livia(Y5/6)

We are sure they will do a fantastic job, and will help to enhance the school life of all children at Bury Catholic Preparatory School.

Our School Council has had major inputs into many areas of school development. Some of their achievements include:

- Writing a school and playground code of conduct
- Designing new football kits
- Organising healthy schools week
- Offering suggestions for extra curricular activities
- Writing a prospectus for new children joining the school
- Inviting speakers into assembly to talk about topical issues i.e. recycling and litter campaign.
- Coming up with suggestions to help celebrate Bury Catholic Preparatory School's 60th birthday
- Wet playtimes. The council bought outdoor toys for each class and distributed them throughout the school.
- Raising money and running their own stall at the Easter Fair

Last year's school council did a fantastic job and took part in a variety of activities. One of their main tasks was to devise a leaflet encouraging healthy eating. They played a vital advisory role to staff in monitoring the children's lunchboxes. Their task was to try and encourage everyone to eat a healthier lunch and develop a lunchbox leaflet with some practical hints and tips for the hard pressed working parent! After endless meetings, questionnaires and plenty of discussion, they finally produced a leaflet worth reading!

The School Council has recently started discussions with Miss. Farrow and Mrs. Baumber, on the following issues...

- * an anti-bullying charter
- * ways to conserve energy in the classroom and around school.

Watch this space for future development!

