

Curwen
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Council

Presentation to Governors

Tuesday 28th March 2017

Who are we?

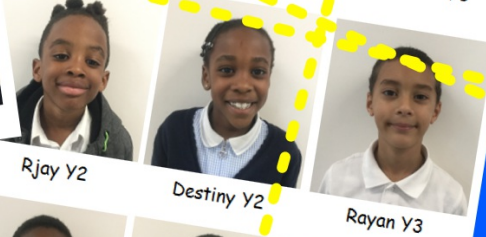
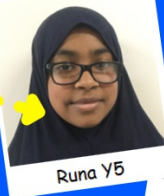
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Chairperson

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In this presentation we will answer the following questions:

- What have we done since October?
- What are we planning to do next?
- What is our overall vision for the school council?



What have we done since our last presentation?

- 1) Children in Need
- 2) Christmas Jumper Day Appeal
- 3) Curwen Print Centre Visit
- 4) Curwen Cares
- 5) Networking with Kensington
- 6) Micro-Loan
- 7) Red Nose Day extra fundraising
- 8) Suggestions from Pupils

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Children in Need Bake Sale



In November, we held a bake sale to raise money for Children in Need. We asked pupils and staff for donations of cakes and biscuits (preferably spotty) for us to sell at break time - and we even decorated our own cakes that morning too!

The sale was a huge success - and ran a lot more smoothly than our face painting earlier in the year! Every child in the line managed to buy all they wanted!



We managed to raise a total of
£147.55
from bakes alone!

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Christmas Jumper Day Appeal



■ Clockwise from top: Curwen Primary School, Recorder staff, Right Choice Insurance and Sir John Heron Primary School in their Christmas jumpers.

Knits a good way to help

Photo from the Newham Recorder (14th December 2016)

Newham Community Links aims to provide **vulnerable** and **disadvantaged** children in Newham with **stockings full of presents** at Christmas.

This means that children in Newham's families that can't get them any presents are given presents by the charity, paid for by our fundraising.

We helped Newham Community Links' fundraising appeal by asking pupils and staff to wear a Christmas Jumper on the 7th December and bring in a £1 donation for the charity.

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Curwen Print Centre Visit



2016 was John Curwen's 200th Birthday, and to celebrate this, Miss Mahabeer helped us organise a trip to the Curwen Print Centre in Cambridge. The print centre was originally in Plaistow before moving into central London, and eventually to Cambridge.

We were fortunate enough to meet Mr Stanley Jones, MBE, who has worked at the centre from the 1950s, and who has helped produce prints for many famous artists including Barbara Hepworth and Henry Moore.

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At the Print Centre we were able to try two different forms of print making. Dry point etching and press print. Here are some photos of the print making experience.



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Curwen Cares

When we met with Kensington Primary last term to talk about how we can help each other's School Councils we were really inspired by their 'Kensington Cares' program where vulnerable, local, elderly residents are able to come and visit the school.



We got Mr Drayton and Mrs Mansfield to see what they could organise with the Community Links and the Council, and the 'Curwen Cares' project was created.

A group of Year 5 and 6 children invited local residents to our UKS2 Christmas Concert and performance of Julius Caesar. They also made a 'Present Bag' for each resident. These were filled with biscuits that they baked and decorated, Christmas tree decorations that they made out of felt, and Christmas cards that were prints from the trip to the Curwen Print Centre.

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Curwen Cares

The elderly visitors really enjoyed the afternoon. We had tea and mince pies with them before the concert and it was really interesting to hear all about them, and to tell them about our school too!

We are really looking forward to continuing the project - and we're looking to invite the elderly for tea and biscuits, or for lunch, or to our (many) big events, such as the Easter Bonnet parade, International Week Carnival, Family Week events, and so on.



The cast of Julius Caesar performing at the concert

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Networking with Kensington



In February we went to Kensington Primary School for our Networking meeting.

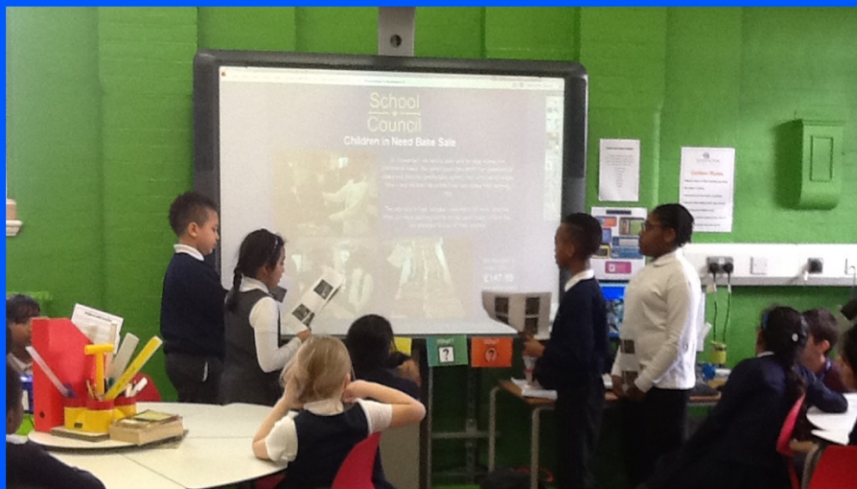
This meeting happens once every term. We come together to talk about being School Councillors, and share ideas, worries and advice.



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Networking with Kensington

This is to help each other be the BEST school councils for our schools, and to see what we can do together to help both schools as well.



At the meeting we did a presentation all about our achievements since we had last seen Kensington School Council, and they did the same for us.

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Networking with Kensington

We then did some Drama games to help us meet people from the other school, and to start to work together as a T.E.A.M.



Then we shared any challenges we have faced within School Council, and offered suggestions on how to overcome these challenges.

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Networking with Kensington

Finally, we did some big brainstorms about how we can work together as School Councils. Some ideas are inter-school events and charity work.



We think these meetings are really useful. We have got really good ideas from Kensington, and we will use these to help make sure your school is the best it can be!

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Micro-Loan fundraising

For international week we teamed up with Miss Tome and Mrs Marle in order to raise money for Micro-Loan.

Micro-Loan doesn't just give money to people, but lends money to women in Africa to start their own businesses. We thought that this was a great idea, and we took on the challenge of raising enough money to help start THREE WOMEN'S BUSINESSES.

To do this we sold wristbands at lunchtime during International Week.

We managed to raise a grand total of:



£288 so far

So thank you to all involved!





Red Nose Day extra fundraising

The Red Noses, as usual, sell out quite quickly. We wanted to do a little bit of extra fundraising that meant everyone could still join in with Red Nose Day, even if they don't have a red nose.

We also realised that, this year, there have been a lot of charitable events already - so we didn't want to ask for lots of money.

A donation of 20p was suggested for us to paint your noses and cheeks red on Red Nose Day. We bought more red face paint and set up the painting station at lunchtime.

We managed to raise lots of extra funds for Comic Relief!

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RSBP BIG BIRD WATCH

We took part in the national 'Big Bird Watch' in January to keep track of bird populations in the UK.

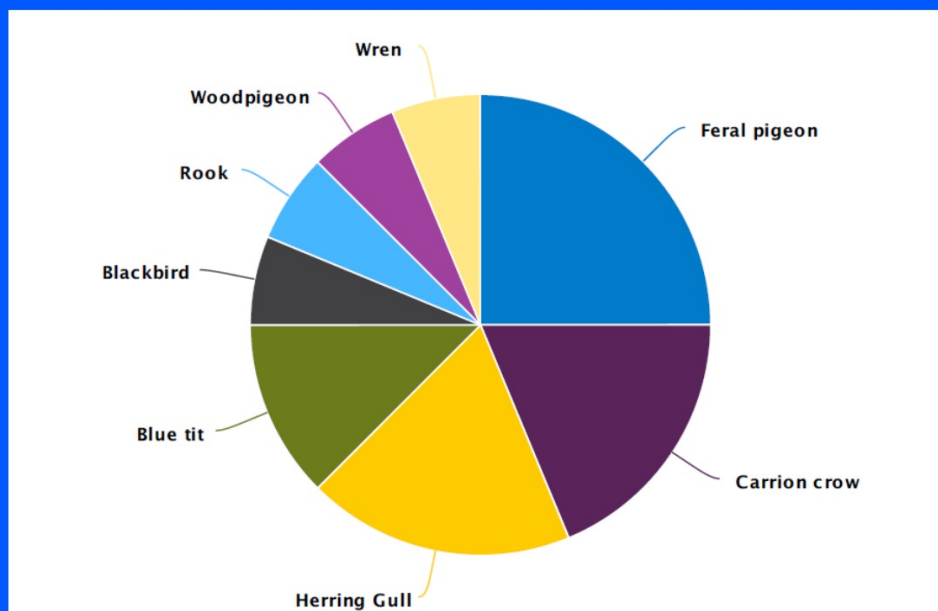
We were interested in the wildlife around the school. Unfortunately we mostly saw only pigeons and seagulls.

But we were kindly donated a bird feeder, which we have set up in the KS1 playground, and hope to see more birds there soon.



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RSBP BIG BIRD WATCH



Pie chart of Bird Species seen in Curwen Primary Playground



Pupil's suggestions

We've also been making sure that our suggestion boxes are regularly emptied and looked over.

We take all suggestions seriously, and once a half term we write letters to Mr Harris and Miss Helm to get things changed, or to pass on pupils' thoughts.

Last term this meant that:

- The 'annoying' squeaky toilet doors were fixed
- More fundraising events will happen

It also means that we have to explain why we **can't** do certain things. These are posted on our noticeboard for every one to read. Sometimes we ask Miss Helm or Mr Harris and they have to explain why that cannot be changed, and we will pass this on to students.

We were very surprised when we heard how much bringing back the swimming pool would cost!

We have lots of things to do from this terms's suggestions too!

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Star of the Week

Our Chairperson, Jason was featured as 'Star of the Week' in the Newham Recorder in the first week of January. This was in recognition of his work within the School Council and with the 'Curwen Cares' program. He was very clear that the School Council work as a team - and that it has all been a team effort with 'everyone's voices' needed and involved.

Article in the Newham Recorder 4th January 2017



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What's our vision for the School Council?

In one of our meetings we decided to come up with a 'vision' phrase for **what we want to achieve this term.**

We came up with the following:

'To make sure that **every** child has an **equal voice** in the running of the school'

This means that we will try to;

- make sure suggestions are heard (through boxes and notebooks)
- get children's opinions on important parts of school / changes
- make sure we feed back to all pupils through assemblies
- set up a whole school 'suggestion' afternoon inspired by Kensington's meeting

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Thank you for listening to our
presentation!



Are there any questions?

