

Why the Willows Primary School has a school council.



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

unicef

"A **convention** is an agreement between countries to obey the same law. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland agreed to obey (ratified) the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 16 December, 1991. That means our government now has to make sure that every child has all the rights in the convention,"

Article 12

Children have the right to say what they think should happen, when adults are making decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken into account.



Article 14

Children have the right to meet together and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

Our School Council is a representative group of students, who have been proposed and elected by their peers, to represent their views and raise issues. Miss James takes their ideas to Mrs Thursfield.

Our 2016-17 School Council:



Noah Bisson, Corey Johnson, Zeta Shore, Olivia Sant, Ziyam Waqas, Scarlett Bailey, Danny Williams, Ruby Cork, Drew Huxley, Charlie Biddulph, Daniel Biddulph, Giya George, Elliot Malin, Connor McLachlan, Kodee Hampton, Finn Windsor, Roohi Aamir

Our School Council can also propose and take forward initiatives and projects on behalf of their peers, and be involved in strategic planning and processes.



Our first task is to choose the charities we would like to support this year. Our school council have asked their class for ideas for local, national and international charities for our school to support. The Willows would like to support an animal charity, a children's charity and a charity that raise funds to support medical research into disease and illnesses. Once the charities have been chosen our school council will discuss how we are going to raise money for these worthwhile causes.



Our school council has been involved in helping to set up the 'smiley shop'. They met with members from the PTFA and discussed the idea of a 'smiley shop'. This is where you can exchange the smiles you have earned for prizes. Our school council representative has asked you what you would like to see in our 'smiley shop'. These ideas have been passed on to the PTFA.



Last year our school council wrote a child-friendly e-safety policy which now needs up-dating. Your school council has this task. Our representatives will have been asking you how you stay safe on the internet. When we have shared all your ideas our school council will present these in an e-safety assembly.



Our school council regularly meets with other councils from local schools to share our ideas and good practice.