



# Christ Church School, Hampstead

A village school in London inspiring *life in all its fullness*

## School Council, C.R.E.W. and Wellbeing Champions newsletter

Autumn 2025

### School Council

School Council, headed by our elected Year 6's, have been busy meeting during the Autumn term to discuss what changes we can suggest to improve our school experience. We voted to keep the



logo from last year and have enjoyed getting to learn more about voting, bring ideas to the group and working together to support changes in the school. Being on School council links to Article 12 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child: respect for children's views.

Firstly, we have continued last year's success from school council and cannot wait to add a KS2 reading trolley to the playground!

Children in our classes have given us lots of ideas for new projects to focus on. We hope that all pupils think that their voices have been heard. For example, we have listened to the range of clubs pupils have suggested and some now being offered in the Spring term are performing arts, gymnastics and music.

We debated which charities we should focus on for our Christmas appeal and decided firstly on Food Cycle - a local food bank that supports families in Camden to have food and warm meals. We have also decided to raise money for Toilet Twinning which provides clean toilets to children and communities all over the world. We were so thankful for the kind donations over the Christmas events and raised over £1200 to split between these charities.



Our Year 6 and 5 representatives went to the Crowndale Centre to take part in Camden's youth council takeover challenge. It was all about children's rights, keeping safe online and improving mental health. We really enjoyed listening and debating with other children from different schools and adults that help make the care and education for children in Camden better. We presented our own ideas and suggested some of the following things to help children in Camden make sure their rights are protected;

- More schools becoming UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools
- Making sure all children can go to school and get the opportunities to learn
- Advertisement in schools about where families can go to get help, like food banks, hospitals or play centres.

The Mayor of Camden presented us with badges and certificates, thanking us for our ideas.



Next term we are planning and hosting a '**day of sport**' to raise money for UNICEF soccer aid and for some new sports equipment for the school, please look out for our posters and sponsorship forms coming home soon. We are planning lots of fun sporting sessions and a sponsored run -laps of the playground will be run from 8.30-2.30pm without stopping...can we do it?! We will be ending the day with a fun penalty shoot-out!

Please speak to your class representatives if you have any other ideas for school council to debate.

## C.R.E.W



CREW started the Autumn term by brightening up the school, **planting** bulbs and bedding plants. Hopefully, when the weather warms up, we will see some lovely spring flowers, including daffodils and crocuses, popping up their heads.

The team have also been thinking about how the school could create a '**Fair Cup**' - a keep cup that can be reused during the Christmas and Summer Fairs.

They have created some designs and met with the parents who lead the 'Friends' association. The next step is to gather more information including if people would be willing to buy a reusable cup and how much they might pay for it.



## Wellbeing Champions

The Wellbeing Champions have been helping to support the whole school **Happiness Project** this term.



They created the **Gratitude Train** display, which included lots of lovely examples of how children celebrated '**Giving**' week.



They also helped to plan a new activity called the **Tool Kit**, which aimed to get children to think about all their learning over the ten weeks of the Happiness Project.

They brainstormed how it could work and then explained the idea to the whole school in a presentation. Each child in KS2 created their own Tool Kit of strategies to help them remember things they could do if they felt strong negative emotions and wanted to move towards positive feelings.

Christ Church Happiness Project

### **Tool Kit**

