

Pupil Leadership Activities

Autumn Term 2022-23

Peer Mediator Revision Training

All of our Y6 are trained to be Peer Mediators in the Year 5 Summer term. The training builds teamwork skills but also looks at conflict resolution, the process of mediation and understanding that actions can represent many underlying emotions. They all listened and learned so well!

At the start of Y6 they receive revision training to ensure they remember the process and the important aspects of the training. We were amazed at how much they had remembered and how keen they were to start their role in the playground.

They now have a rota, so that each Peer Mediator is on shift for one day every two weeks with a partner.

Eco Warriors Work with Lancaster University:

In September our Eco Warrior team started the next phase of their Healthy Air project. The first phase involved working with Mapping for Change and Trees for cities and resulted in planting on our school grounds, anti-idling campaigns and the implementation of a School Street.

This time the team, with the support and expertise of Ekpo from Lancaster University, monitored areas of the playground found to be polluted last time but this time, the monitors were left in situ all day. They wanted to know where we could reduce our exposure - so where there are people and pollution at the same time.

They were surprised by some of the results. Our field is now the lowest reading, which we believe could be to do with the School Street and the extra planting on our school field.



The most polluted area was the corner of the playground where Sunnyhill and Valley Roads meet, specifically at lunch time - increasing exposure as the children play in this area at that time.

They were also surprised that this pollution remained high close to the school building rather than dissipating, meaning that the Y6 classrooms would also be affected.

They have proposed the following:

School

- Increase the amount of plants in the Y6 classrooms to absorb pollution
- Use the field more to play and avoid the most polluted area when possible - put up signs to inform people
- Close windows at lunch times to prevent polluted air entering the classroom

Lambeth Council

- Increase electric charging points close to the school
- Change metal, roadside fences to bushes to absorb the pollution
- Increase safe and secure bike parking
- Increase anti-idling posters outside the school

They were able to deliver their letter by hand to Lambeth Council during a consultation about plans for a Low Traffic Neighbourhood in our area. This also meant they were able to share their views on the plans for the LTN and

draw ideas that they would like to see on Sunnyhill Road and around our school.



School Council Tackle Healthy and Calm Lunchtimes

Last year, our school councillors did a lot of work on trying to encourage healthy packed lunches. This year, our team has decided that there is still work to be done to make a quieter, calmer and more healthy lunchtime for all.

They have carried out a tally survey of the items currently being brought in by those having a packed lunch. They were very pleased to see that there was a big improvement from the same time last year, however they would still like to see more fruit and vegetables and less unhealthy items.

They have started to hand out healthy lunch stickers at lunch time and will begin to start fruit swaps in the coming weeks.

They are preparing information for parents and posters to put around the school. We look forward to seeing if they can make an even bigger impact this year.

School Ambassadors Lead Live Tours

The role of the School Ambassador involves pairs of pupils showing adult visitors, such as prospective parents, inspectors and previous students around the school, whilst giving them information about their time at the school and

answering any questions the visitors have. It is essential that they know every room and have a comprehensive knowledge of everything Sunnyhill.

During their training they learn the route they must take, key information, history of Sunnyhill and important presentation skills. At the end of their training they give tours to the previous (now Year 6) School Ambassadors who give them feedback and top tips.

Last year our School Ambassadors were unable to lead live tours for prospective parents and made a video instead. This year however, we have training Y6 and Y5 pupils who have embarked on live tours since October.

They were extremely nervous but are thriving and building in confidence with each tour. They love to share our school with others and enjoy sharing their favourite things about what makes Sunnyhill such a special place.

Peer Mediators Lead Anti-Bullying Week

Every year our Peer Mediators plan and lead Anti-bullying Week in November. This year the theme was "Reach Out". A volunteer planning committee was formed of children from both of our Y6 classes.

They initially discussed what bullying is and rather importantly what it isn't. They thought about the differences and the similarities between on-line bullying and in-person occurrences. They finally looked at what to do in each situation.

The next stage was to plan as a team their course of action. They planned an Odd Socks Day to raise money for the Anti-bullying Alliance (even our pets joined in!) whole school pledges, anti-bullying ticket designs, posters and several assemblies. The assemblies were initially to remind everyone of each event coming up and ended with a summary assembly including questions to see what KS1 and 2 had learned throughout the week.

They spoke clearly and eloquently in assembly, and we were so proud of them.

They worked with charity, Initiatives for Change to include Reach Out and Step into Kindness for World Kindness Day. This included making video pledges to be shared on social media and creating a beautiful display of hands from Nursery to Y6.



