



School Council

Subject Leader Report 2024-2025



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Autumn Term

The School Council at Masefield continues to play an essential role in representing the pupil voice and driving positive change across the school. The school councillors were elected through a democratic process, where each class held a vote to choose their representatives. This allowed every child to have a voice and experience the principles of democracy in action, one of the core British Values. Pupils were encouraged to consider the qualities needed in a councillor, and candidates gave speeches outlining their ideas. This process not only reinforced the importance of fair decision-making but also highlighted the value of mutual respect and individual liberty, key aspects of British Values.

The School Council holds regular meetings to plan and prepare for events throughout the year. These meetings provide a structured opportunity for councillors to discuss ideas, set priorities, and organize activities that benefit the whole school community. By planning in advance, the council ensures events are well-coordinated and meaningful, fostering pupil engagement and involvement. These sessions also help develop important skills such as teamwork, communication, and responsibility, as councillors take an active role in shaping the school's calendar and initiatives.

The School Council had the exciting opportunity to meet the Mayor of Bolton at the Town Hall to learn more about his role and responsibilities. During the visit, the councillors discovered how the Mayor represents the community, promotes local initiatives, and makes decisions that benefit Bolton. This experience helped the children draw connections between his role and their own, as both involve leadership, listening to others, and working to improve their communities. The meeting inspired the councillors to take pride in their responsibilities and highlighted the importance of being active, positive contributors to their school and wider community.

So far this year, the School Council has planned several events, including our annual Macmillan Coffee event to raise money for charity. This event really does bring the school community together, with pupils, staff, and families contributing baked goods and donations to support a worthy cause. The council drives forward the idea that small contributions from everyone can collectively make a significant difference. This message of collaboration and generosity inspires widespread participation and demonstrates the power of working together to achieve a common goal.

In the Spring term, the School Council will work closely with Bright Leaders to support Masefield in achieving the Unicef Rights Respecting Award. This partnership will help councillors deepen their understanding of children's rights and develop leadership skills to promote these values across the school. Through workshops and collaborative projects, the council will take an active role in embedding the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into daily school life, ensuring that all pupils understand and respect their own rights and the rights of others.



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The School Council have successfully opened and operate our brand new outdoor cafe – The Base. After months of planning and hard work, the cafe is now up and running, providing students and staff with a welcoming space to enjoy a variety of snacks and drinks. The council has worked closely with Bright Leaders to develop their leadership skills and in particular, communication skills with both their peers and families. The café aims to not only give the children opportunities to develop new skills but to foster a sense of community. We are proud to have created a vibrant and supportive environment where everyone can relax, recharge and connect. The project was initiated with the goal of fostering a positive impact on the school community and empowering students to take an active role in shaping their environment.

The children have successfully created and managed spreadsheets to track and organise a budget, demonstrating their ability to apply mathematical and organisational skills. They have learned to categorize expenses, set financial goals, and analyse spending patterns, all while utilising digital tools to foster their understanding of money management and financial responsibility. Through this hands-on experience, they have developed valuable skills that will help them make informed financial decisions in the future.

The children are actively engaged in a UNICEF project focused on raising awareness about the rights of the child. Through their participation, they are learning about their fundamental rights, including the right to education, protection, and participation. The project encourages them to become advocates for their peers, promoting understanding and respect for children's rights within their communities. By working on this initiative, the children are not only gaining valuable knowledge but also empowering themselves to play a crucial role in shaping a better future for all children

This Unicef award and the running of the café will be the focus for the Summer Term for the School Council.



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Summer Term

The School Council have truly embraced the organisational skills required to successfully run a school café. From coordinating rotas and managing stock levels to ensuring smooth day-to-day operations, they have demonstrated impressive teamwork, responsibility, and attention to detail. Their ability to plan ahead, communicate effectively, and adapt to challenges has been key to the café's success. This initiative has not only showcased their leadership but also highlighted their dedication to creating a welcoming and efficient space for the school community.

The confidence, communication skills, and forward thinking shown by the representatives of the School Council have truly shone throughout their work. Whether presenting ideas, engaging with their peers, or making thoughtful decisions, they have consistently demonstrated maturity and initiative. Their ability to speak clearly, listen actively, and collaborate effectively has had a positive impact on the school community. These qualities have not only helped them represent their fellow students with integrity but have also set a strong example of leadership in action.

The next steps forward for the School Council involve carefully planning and plotting events throughout the year where the Base café can be actively utilised. Opportunities such as the Summer Fair, music showcases, knowledge days involving parents, and various sporting events offer perfect occasions to extend the café's role within the school community. By integrating the café into these events, the Council aims to enhance community engagement, provide additional support for school activities, and create more chances for students to develop their organisational and teamwork skills. This forward-thinking approach will ensure the café continues to be a vibrant and valuable part of school life.

The Masefield Bake Off was a roaring success as always, bringing our families together in a wonderful spirit of community and generosity. Not only did it provide a fun and delicious way to connect, but it also helped raise valuable funds for both Macmillan and Masefield's own initiatives. The event highlighted the kindness and support within our school family, making it a memorable occasion that combined charity with celebration.



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