

School Parliament and Transform Trust Parliament Annual Report 2021-22

The School Parliament and Class Council system

School Parliament meets during a whole-school Monday assembly with Miss Harrison as the School Parliament facilitator. School Parliament meetings are held on Mondays in weeks 2, 4 and 6 of every half-term. In between these meetings, classes then hold a Class Council during the Tuesday assembly slot of weeks 3 and 5. This allows for the effective flow of information and views from the children in their classes to their School Parliament Reps and back again.

Class Councils are led by the Class Councillor, while the School Parliament Rep takes notes on what is said in their notebook. The School Parliament Rep is then able to represent their class's views and ideas at the following School Parliament Meeting.

Both the School Parliament Rep and Class Councillor are available to the children of each class during break and lunch times to discuss ideas. They also work with the class teacher if ideas pertaining to the individual class are raised.

School Parliament is led by four elected leaders: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Miss Harrison facilitates, but does not lead the meetings and projects, allowing the children to develop their leadership skills, have their own ideas become a reality and make their voice heard.

School Parliament successes during 2021-22:

- **3 charitable fundraising events**
- **1 fundraising event to raise money for school equipment (ipads)**
- **1 whole school referendum**
- **1 whole school vote to elect new leaders**
- **1 virtual tour of Parliament and Q&A with MP Pauline Latham**
- **9 children nominated for Transform Trust Children's Awards by their peers and voted for by the School Parliament.**

The Transform Trust Parliament system

The two Transform Trust Parliament Reps have a dual role of also being the Head Boy and Head Girl. They are nominated by the Year 6 teachers and their appointment is confirmed by the Senior Leadership Team. They are assisted in their role by the Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl.

The two Transform Trust Parliament Reps attend a meeting each half-term led by Kim Blount from TT. Most of these are over Zoom with occasional in-person meetings too. The projects the TT Reps are given are jointly guided by Miss Harrison and Mrs Brown, depending on whether they cross-over with School Parliament or not.

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All four of the Head Children/TT rep team also attend School Parliament as ordinary members. (They do not help to run the meetings, but provide valuable experience and also support on projects and collaborative projects, as there is some overlap between the TT Parliament and the School Parliament at times.)

Transform Trust Parliament Reps' successes during 2021-22:

- **Surveyed every class in the school about their experiences at Lawn and their areas for improvement.**
- **Led an International Women's Day project and assembly #BreakTheBias**
- **Led a school improvement project for the outdoor reading area**

Virtual Parliament Tour and meeting our MP Pauline Latham

On Monday 11th October all of the School Parliament Reps and Class Councillors gathered (socially distanced) in the hall to have a virtual tour of the Houses of Parliament. At the end of the tour, our local MP Pauline Latham joined the Zoom call and she held a question and answer session for our children.

Charitable Fundraising by the School Parliament from 2021-22

Children In Need Day- Friday 19th November 2021

The School Parliament designed a day of fun for Children in Need day with 3 awards for each class to give out to the best-dressed Pudseys! The children across the school were keen to have a fashion show in a whole school assembly and after a long wait due to Covid finally had a chance to make their dreams a reality!



Comic Relief- Red Nose Day= Friday 18th March

This year children wore a red accessory with their school uniform and brought in joke books for DEAR time. Some children also learnt to tell jokes especially for the day. To save money and because of a desire to be kind to the environment the School Parliament decided to re-use red noses that children had at home from previous days. All donations given were sent to Comic Relief.

Pyjamrama- for the Book Trust- Friday 13th May



On Friday 13th May we celebrated Pyjamrama and our love of bedtime stories! Children wore their PJs, onesies and dressing gowns with a pair of trainers. They brought in a favourite bedtime story and a teddy too. Donations of £1 went towards The BookTrust who organise the event.

The BookTrust hands out free book packs to all children in Reception, to babies and also to children living in poverty. The School Parliament have chosen it as one of the

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annual events that we will take part in at Lawn as they really enjoy it and want all children to be able to enjoy a good bedtime story.

Fundraising for the School Parliament Priorities- Dinosaur Day- Friday 17th February



The idea for Dinosaur Day came from the Chair of the School Parliament, Zara, in Year 6. Our survey of the children's opinions showed that they really wanted to improve the quality and number of ipads in school. Zara pointed out that they were 'prehistoric' and that the School Parliament could plan a Dinosaur Day to raise money for new ipads.

The School Parliament planned a dress-up day and a colouring competition. Altogether £2100 was raised to put towards new computing equipment, including ipads and charging units.

Playground improvements- Meeting Sovereign Play director



Every class held a Class Council about the children's ideas for improvements to the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. School Parliament Reps fed back to the School Parliament and it became clear that there were three areas of interest:

- improved playground markings on both playgrounds
- musical instruments for the outdoors
- shelters/creative play structures

The children of the School Parliament selected their favourites and then held a second Class Council where they asked each class to vote. After collating their top choices we arranged to meet Rick Marshall from Sovereign Play who talked to the children about their ideas and then visited the playgrounds to show us what could fit where. (The project must now be quoted by 2 further companies and Mrs Robinson is now taking the lead on this as the School Business Manager.)

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International Women's Day #BreakTheBias



We celebrated International Women's Day at Lawn and joined the #BreakTheBias campaign. We learnt about women's rights as being human rights and thought about how we can make a difference by not stereotyping girls and boys and women and men ourselves. Our Transform Trust Parliaments Reps together with the Deputy Head Boy and Girl led an assembly for the whole-school about International Women's Day with a focus on women's rights to education and equal opportunities.

8 of our children volunteered to take part in the drawing challenge where we asked them to draw a firefighter, surgeon, pilot or nurse. Typically children draw males for the first three and nurses as females. Incredibly two of our children (without any briefing!) did #BreakTheBias by drawing a female surgeon and a female firefighter.

Other children in the assembly spoke out about how to be an ally and support girls to have their rights respected. The head and deputy girls and boys performed a roleplay which showed how girls in some parts of the world do not have their right to education respected and how being an ally could change this.

We are very proud of our children and can see they are well on their way to be kind and responsible global citizens.

Democracy in action at Lawn- Whole School Referendum



At Lawn we like to teach British Values in a real-life rather than theoretical way and we also value pupil voice, so when students have an idea, we see if we can make it happen! Two Year 6 students came to the School Parliament to say that they thought our current way of electing a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary for our School Parliament was unfair (as only the 4 children who were already the Year 5 School Parliament Reps could actually stand for election as the leaders). We decided together that a whole school referendum would be needed to change the existing rules.

The whole school from Reception to Year 6 voted on the following questions:

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1. Should any Year 5 child be allowed to stand for election as a Parliament leader?
2. Should children who have already been a School Parliament Rep be allowed to stand for election as a leader?

The answer to both of these questions came back as a yes! That means that as a school the children have changed the way future leaders of their School Parliament are elected. A massive act of democracy!

The first round of elections took place on Monday 27th June with just Years 5 and 6 voting to select the top 3 candidates for each roll; then following speeches to the whole school and two weeks of campaigning, on Tuesday 12th July there will be round 2- a whole school election.

School improvement project for the outdoor reading area



The TT Parliament Reps revamped an area outside of our library which had become a bit of a dumping ground. We hope it will be used as a quiet space for adults and children. The plants are perennials and are already giving off a lovely scent. We are getting donations of furniture to add to the seating area along with our colourful outdoor bean bags.

Transform Trust Children's Award Nominations (collaborative project)



Every child in the school had the chance to nominate one of their peers for an award of kindness, equality, respect and creativity (which are four of the Transform Trust values). The School Parliament (including the TT reps) then voted on the anonymised nominations to select the nine Lawn award winners. These children then attended an award ceremony on Wednesday 22nd June at Derbyshire Cricket Club with all of the other winners from across Derby TT schools.