

Newlaithes Junior School Council
Thursday 1st October, 2026
1.15pm

Present: Miss Lowther, Miss Prosser and all of the school council members.

Agenda:

1. Welcome to all our new council members
2. An understanding of the council and how it works
3. Role of the councillors
4. Charity to support
5. AOB - class items, etc

1. Welcome to all our new council members

The newly elected council members were introduced to each other.

Class 1 - Ollie Wildley, Dollie-Lou Spencer

Class 2 - William Temple, Luna Sewell

Class 3 - Harry Irvine, Macey Watt

Class 4 - Harry Clarke, Ella Campbell

Class 5 - Polly Atkinson, Tommy Campbell

Class 6 - Harriet Foster-Eckersley, Freddy Milne

Class 7 - Henry Ralph, Aurora Woolston

Class 8 - Marnie Mullen, Jensen Hind

(School council badges had previously been issued.)

2. An understanding of the council and how it works

All new council members introduced themselves with some explaining why they wanted to represent their class. Miss Lowther explained how the council worked and the important role that each and every one of them could play in terms of representing their class and playing an active role in making the school an even better place. Each class were given a class council notebook - ***please can we ensure that these are up-to-date and ideas are presented neatly/clearly so that they help provide evidence of the role that each class is playing in the school council as well as showing that class councils are taking place. They also allow the school council meetings to be productive. Please can you also make sure that a class council has been help prior to the meeting? (This might take place in an assembly time when you are with your class - e.g. Years 3 & 4 on a Monday, Years 5 & 6 on a Tuesday.)***

3 classes out of 8 have not had a class council meeting as of yet. Please can class council meetings be held prior to school council meetings in order for them to be productive and purposeful. Thank you.

3. Role of the councillors

The children understood that they represented their class and could bring any recommendations and ideas to the council meetings. The council members were given time in groups to consider the role of the school council. A number of relevant suggestions were given.

These points were then looked at in more detail to help further clarify the role of the school council. *The children were introduced to some of the key features through a relevant 'PowerPoint' presentation.*

4. Charity to support

The children were reminded of the fantastic fundraising events that they have carried out in the past and how charities benefit as a result. Leading on from this it was discussed which charities the children would be interested in raising money for this year. This is an area that we will look at in more detail at the next meeting after class councils have taken place. (If any classes have a preference, please send your reasons to the next council meeting via your class councillors. One charity per class please to be suggested.) Also what fundraisers could take place?

5. AOB

- The School Council will normally be given a budget of £250 which will be spent on playground equipment. The councillors (from Class 5) are to feed back at the next meeting as to what is currently available in the toy cupboard, what might need replaced and which toys are popular/break easily. Please can you discuss with your class their top 3 items that they would like to have in the toy cupboard outside.

- Are there any clubs that the children would be interested in having in school next term? (seasonal).

- The children are really interested in having a '**Break The Rules Day**'. **Aurora and Marnie** to speak to Mr Clark about the possibility of this taking place.

- Movie night was very popular with the school councillors. **Ollie and Harry** to speak to Mrs Foster about the possibility of the PTFA organising this.

- White spray to mark out football pitches in the summer - Henry and Tommy to speak to Mr Sanchez about this.

Items for the next meeting:

- Discuss things children would like for toy cupboard (Class 5 to finalise). Class councillors to return with top 3 things each class would like.
- Each class to decide on 1 charity to fund raise for - school council will then vote for 1 from suggestions.
- Fundraising ideas - Miss Lowther/Miss Prosser to speak about ways to promote this further. (Any suggestions welcome.)
- AOB

The meeting closed at 1.55pm