

Primary School Parliament 2015

Me, Myself, My School



PRIMARY PARLIAMENT June 16th 2015

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We had very good representation from schools across B&NES, 34 Infant, Junior and Primary schools attended as did one independent school, bringing with them a total of 116 pupils.

The day was hosted by the Chairman of the Council Cllr. Ian Gilchrist.

We had some fantastic introductory presentations from e-teams telling us about their work over the last year:-

Bathampton Primary	Anti Bullying and Equalities (Evie and Cameron)
Fosseway	Lunchtime Clubs (Jamie and Rose)
Welton	Values Ambassadors (Matilda, Charlie, Maisie, William)

Following the introductions, one group of Key Stage 1 and three mixed groups of Key Stage 2 children joined workshops, all linked to the theme of Me, My Self, My School

Workshops

Key Stage 1

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Workshop Leaders: Alice McColl - Strategic Commissioning Officer, Jo Lewitt - Public Health Developing and Commissioning Manager

Key Stage 2

A. Could pupils have more say in what they get taught and how can everyone have an equal say?

Workshop Leaders: Sarah McCluskey, Strategic Commissioning Officer, Holly Dando Equalities Champion Chew Valley School. Notetaker Dee Chadda

B. How important is the health of the whole pupil?

Workshop Leaders: Lisa Mukherjee - Participation Development Worker Off the Record, Beccy, Mocca, Fiona from B&NES Youth Forum

C. How can pupils help make their schools better places?

Workshop Leader: Liz Spincer - Salford Primary. Notetaker: Hannah Greatorex

After a healthy lunch, each workshop gave its presentation.

KEY STAGE ONE Presentation

KS1 Pupils drew around themselves and then decorated their pictures. They all thought about their school and which aspects they would like to make better or change. They then thought about and agreed, which ideas they would like to share with everybody and these became their....

GOLD IDEAS

Improve outdoor play by:-

- Having a trampoline
- Planting more trees
- Learning and making up new games
- Encouraging everyone to play
- To care for everyone at playtime
- Having playground helpers
- Having a big tent outside for when it's raining
- More 'thinking' areas outside with plants where you could sit
- A big pirate ship and pirate days
- More forest schools
- A skate park area

➤ Improve the school by:-

- Better school dinners
- No bullies
- To show respect to someone at least once a day
- Everyone could have an iPad
- More lunchtime clubs
- More trips out
- Clearing up litter
- Have a class pet
- Planning more lessons outside
- Have Y6 come and read to reception class
- School councillors to give ideas in assemblies.

KEY STAGE TWO Presentations

Group A

Could pupils have more say in what they get taught and how can everyone have an equal say?

The pupils worked in small groups to discuss the 5 'Tops' and 5 'Pants' things about their school:

5 Tops

- Everyone feels included in my school
- Being creative
- Having fun in lessons
- Helping more
- Swapping round classes

5 Pants

- Teachers don't let you plan more, they don't ask you what you want to learn about your topic
- Teachers choosing the same people
- Seats aren't very comfortable
- Teachers need to be (more) listening
- Things aren't fair and we aren't told why

Workshop A Presentation

Role Play

Teacher and Pupil - Pupil asking teacher if they can help with more planning of class timetable.
Teacher agreeing and pupils organising a small group to work with the teacher to help more.

Poster - Ideas that on a Friday afternoon time could be spent with the teacher and whole class discussing what has gone well that week and what has not gone so well and why.
Agree some things to do to make it better for the next week

Traffic Lights Poster

When pupils return their work to their teacher they could mark it themselves before handing it in with a red, orange or green star.
The teacher would then know how much the pupils learnt or enjoyed the lesson / activity.

Red - They didn't really get it or understand what they were being asked to do

Amber - They understood, but didn't enjoy it

Green – They totally understood and really enjoyed it

Possibilities

The group explained about the benefits to be had to teachers and pupils when they work together.

Teacher Possibilities

- It will make for fair learning
- Make learning more enjoyable to teach
- Make work easier to plan
- Have more idea about what pupils want
- Knowing how pupils feel
- Pupils would have to have more responsibility
- Helps pupils develop more maturity
- Enable good decision making for pupils and teachers
- Help with understanding of pupils and teacher directions
- Gives children and teachers chance to collaborate

➤ Pupil Possibilities

- Children will be more confident
- Makes work more creative
- Helps you understand your learning more
- Gives pupils a say in their learning
- We think it's a good idea to help the teachers more because you can make the lessons more fun but still educational
- It's good to be let free

Group B

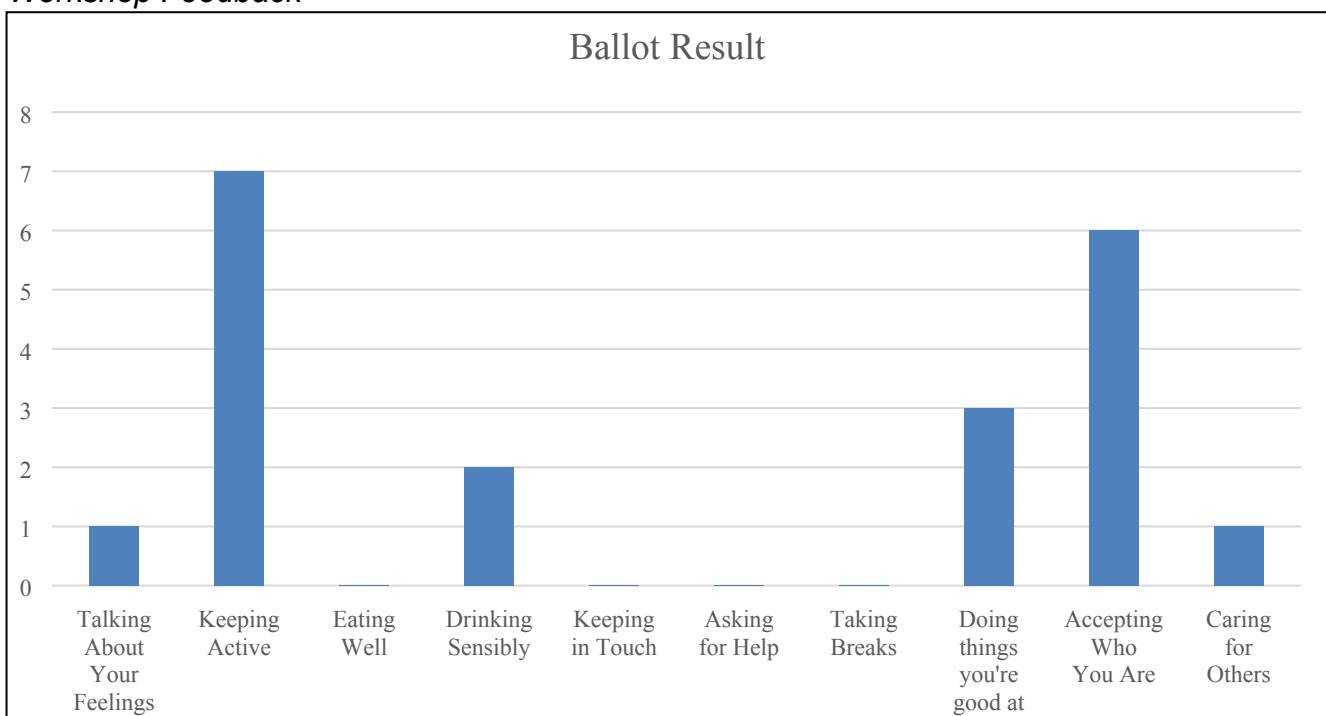
How important is the health of the whole pupil?

Workshop consisted of:

- ✓ Icebreaker – pass the smile
- ✓ Line activity
- ✓ Where do you stand?
- ✓ Ballot vote
- ✓ Poster making/presentation practice

Workshop attended by 20 Key Stage 2 Primary Children from schools across B&NES.

Workshop Feedback



Report by Mocca Arapé member of Youth Forum who helped with the workshop

Primary parliament was a very interesting experience for all involved. I think it was good for the young people to be able to work with opposing views to theirs and argue their points (such as in the 'Where do you stand?' activity).

Also, the day helped their presentation skills having to stand up in front of a large crowd. I found it very exciting working with children who are building their skills to become more articulate and who are a younger age group. I think the day helped my workshop skills, having to support a group of younger people.

All in all, it was a very beneficial experience for everybody who took part.

Workshop B Presentation

Keeping Active – Role Play

Lazy v Sporty - being active is much more fun.

Sport that you enjoy makes you feel better about yourself and your whole body.

Doing things you are good at enjoy

Exercise keeps your heart and mind healthy and you are less likely to develop issues.

Everybody is good at something

Recognise that we all have skills to share and can help each other

Accepting who you are

Do your best and believe in yourself, think positive, no-one is perfect and always do what you enjoy. Good friends are important. We are all different.

Group C

How can pupils make their schools better places?

The pupils worked in small groups to discuss the 5 'Tops' and 5 'Pants' things about their school

5 Tops

- Outdoor learning
- Making lessons more entertaining
- Letting pupils choose more of the topics
- More support in the classroom
- Peer teaching between pupils

5 Pants

- More explanation about why you can't do something
- Noise in class
- Not enough places to be quiet in
- Equipment sometimes not good
- Dinners not good and having different lunch times

Workshop C Presentation

B.E.T.T.E.R

B	Buddies - link with other year groups Better dinners Bully boxes Budgets - help with fundraising
E	Entertain - important students have fun, so they learn more Explain - teachers need to explain why the rules are there Environment - do more outdoor learning Equipment- Important that equipment is good
T	Times in the day - Lunchtimes, playtimes being kind to each other, at the end of the day time to chat Tidy - Tidy environment don't litter Take responsibility
T	Topics - Pupils should choose sometimes Thinking Spaces - outdoor thinking garden
E	Events for charity - fundraising Exciting days - Pupils to plan Equality - for all
R	Raise money - good for good ideas Relationships - keep them positive

Plenary

Ashley Ayre thanked everyone for their hard work and fantastic presentations.

There was no vote taken as there was a fire alarm and we had to evacuate the Guildhall. The pupils all acted sensibly and were a credit to their schools. Although no vote took place, all the presentations had equal value and the ideas expressed will be taken forward.

The Mayor Cllr. William Sandry gave the final address in which he spoke about himself and the fact he was bullied at school and how this had affected him. He acknowledged that it is very important that bullying is tackled at school and to accept yourself.

Next Steps for schools during 2015 - 2016

Key Stage 1 Key Points:

- More opportunities for Year 6 Pupils to work with Key Stage 1 pupils, reading to reception, coming into classes to help, supporting in the playground.
- Better playtimes.

Key Stage 2 Key Points:

- More outdoor learning opportunities.
- Pupils and teachers to collaborate more in planning.
- Pupils to be given and take more responsibility.
- Introduction of a Traffic Lights system for pupils to mark their work before handing it in. Red / Amber / Green to indicate to teachers how well pupils have understood or enjoyed a lesson or activity.
- To have more opportunity to be active.
- Accepting yourself for who you are.

This report will be presented to the Policy, Development and Scrutiny Panel in Sept, Schools Forum and will be circulated to all schools in Sept 2015.

Thank you to all pupils, teachers, helpers, and to everyone who attended and contributed to this very enjoyable and successful event. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2016.

Schools in attendance

1. Academy of Trinity
2. Bathampton Primary
3. Bathford C of E Primary
4. Bathwick St Mary,
5. Castle Primary
6. Chandag Juniors
7. Farrington Gurney CofE E Primary
8. Fosseway School
9. Freshford C of E Primary
10. King Edwards Juniors
11. Longvernal Primary
12. Marksbury C of E Primary
13. Newbridge Primary
14. Oldfield Park Infants
15. Paulton Infants
16. Paulton Juniors
17. Peasedown St John Primary
18. St John's
19. St Keyna
20. St Martin's Garden Primary
21. St Mary's CofE E Writhlington
22. St Nicholas C of E Primary
23. St Saviours Infants
24. St Saviours Junior
25. St Stephens C of E Primary
26. Saltford C of E Primary
27. Swainswick C of E Primary
28. Threeways School
29. Welton Primary
30. Westfield Primary
31. Weston All Saints C of E Primary
32. Whitchurch Primary
33. Widcombe Infants
34. Widcombe C of E Primary

Other attendees

MC - Chairman of the Council, Cllr Ian Gilchrist

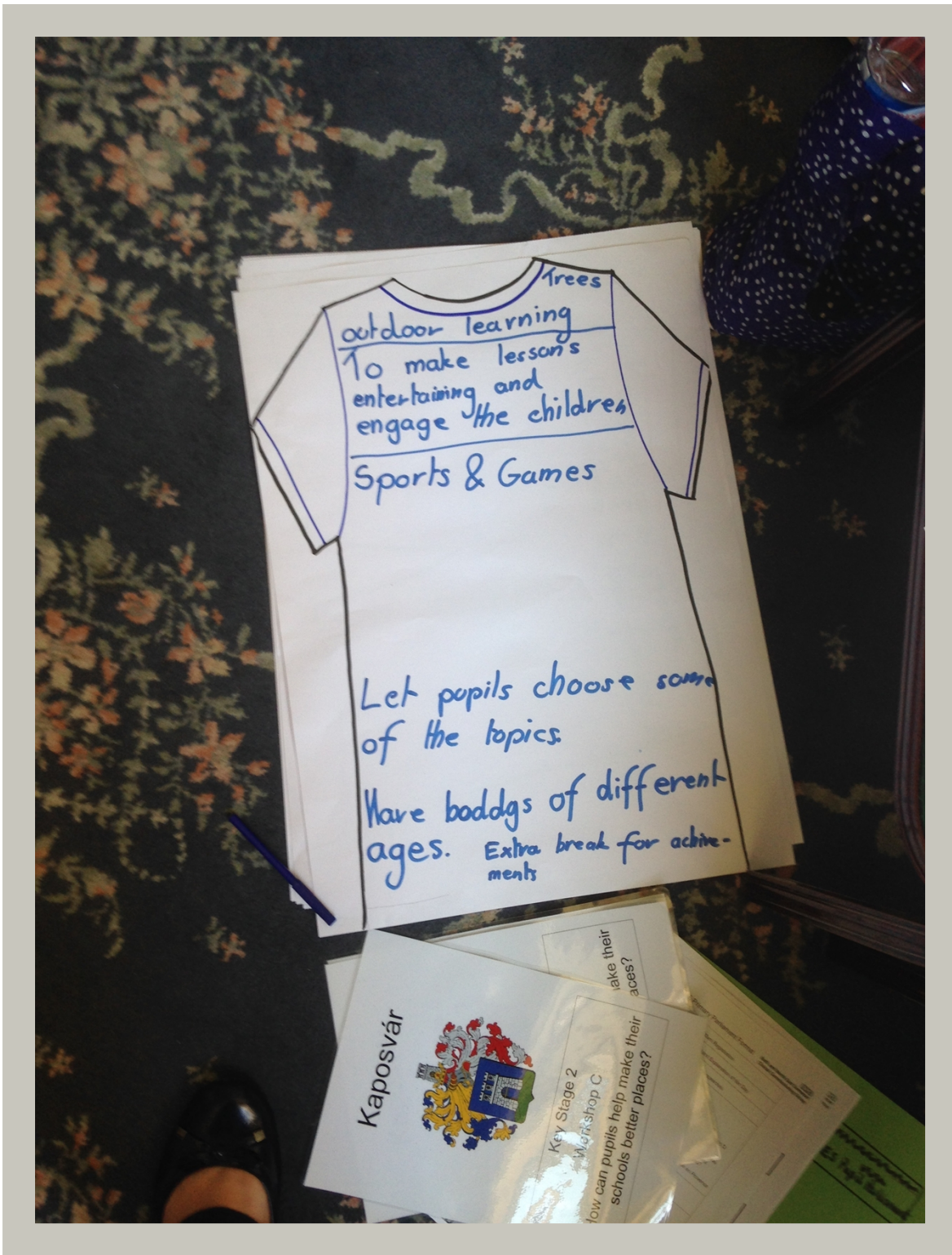
Leader of the Council, Cllr Tim Warren

Mayor of Bath, Cllr William Sandry

Strategic Director People and Communities, Ashley Ayre

Director Children and Young People - Strategy and Commissioning – Mike Bowden

Director of Public Health- Bruce Lawrence



Next Primary Parliament - Spring 2016 (TBC)