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## **Ambassador Minutes – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

### **Attendance Year 1, 3 and Year 5**

Mrs Walters (DW) and Mrs Hussein (PH) welcomed the Ambassadors and Year 1 representatives from all of the Year 1 classes.

### **Engineering Project**

DW read an email from TFL who are hoping that Avanti Court will be involved in their engineering/plant project. Ambassadors were very excited and all said that they would like to take part but would like further information. DW said that she would contact them to find out more information. Jamie said he thinks the project would be a good idea as plants give us oxygen so it is important to look after them. PH asked whether the Ambassadors might want to contact the winners of the Stem competition at Avanti for ideas.

PH asked if children found the Thames Water presentation useful. Children were able to remember key information and said that they would like Thames Water to come back into Avanti and work with individual classes. PH said she would contact them and find out if they are able to come in during summer 2.

### **Houses of Parliament**

PH went through timings for the educational visit. DW informed children that MP Wes Streeting would be there to meet them so that he can tell them more about his role and how it relates to them as a school Ambassador.

### **DW asked Ambassadors if they feel safe at school**

A pupil in Year 1 said he feels safe because if he gets lost a teacher or member of staff will look after him.

A pupil in Year 3 said they feel safe because there are cameras around the school site.

Jamie said the school is strong so that makes him safe and there are high railings.

A pupil said they were worried if a train de-rails and ends up in the EYFS playground. DW said that at the end of the meeting we would check the EYFS playground to see if it was safe and if they felt there were any recommendations to improve the fencing that TFL would be contacted.

Anish said he feels safe because as a school we practise lock-down so he knows what to do if a fox or something dangerous enters the building.

Sumit said he feels safe because his class lines up nicely.

Another Ambassador (Yr 3) said that their teacher ensures children shake her hand before they leave at the end of the day after she has seen their parents.

### **Winning House- Pyjama Day**

Ambassadors were concerned that the winning house did not have their pyjama day due to the snow and asked if they could have their 'treat' on the first Friday back after half term. DW and PH agreed.

### **Charity work at Avanti**

Ambassadors discussed charity and listened as PH shared ideas about sponsoring a guide dog. Year 3 were very excited as they have been learning about charity through PRE. A vote was taken to see if children wanted to raise money for a guide dog or another charity. 100% of children were behind sponsoring a guide dog. Ambassadors asked if they could write a letter to the Guide Dog Association to let them know what they would like to sponsor a dog. Three year 1 pupils, Anish and Shivani said they would write a letter the first week back after the break.

### **Site Health and Safety Walk**

Ambassadors went on a site walk to check the school was safe. They looked at alarms, fob entry doors, the railway protective fence, height of railings, safety lights in case of fire, smoke alarms and how parents are let into the building. They also checked the visitor badges worn by:

- A supply teacher
- An IT Engineer
- A music teacher

They also spoke to Ms Claire in the office and witnessed first-hand how the office meet and greet visitors. She told them about the importance of identification and the checks that she makes on visitors to keep everyone safe.

Ambassadors were happy with the fencing by the EYFS playground. They noted that there was one very high fence with barbed wire acting as a deterrent for intruders and that behind this fencing was another two fences and a high bank. Ambassadors were satisfied that the fencing is fine.

Ambassadors met a parent during their health and safety site checks and were able to inform her of the strategies in place at Avanti to keep everyone safe.