

School Council Minutes: 6-1-23

Present: 2I, 2R, 3H, 3A, 4R, 4D, 5I, 5E, 6S

Absent: 6P

Theme: Supporting the school and wider community

School Council Agenda

Agreed Actions/ Next Steps

Safer communities- City Hall

Councillors discussed what makes them proud of studying/living in Newham and what they think needs to change. Councillors highlighted:

What we are proud of in Newham:	What we are not proud of in Newham:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keir Hardie ● Our teachers ● Our friends ● Police officers ● Doctors ● Nurses ● Very diverse ● 2nd place for borough with most languages spoken in UK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fly tipping ● Overflowing bins ● Dog mess in the streets ● Nitrous Oxide canisters ● Over crowded public transport ● Royal Docks water polluted with rubbish ● Lack of recycling ● TFL strikes make it harder to travel to school ● Refuse worker strikes mean bins are not cleaned ● Not enough bins ● Lots of graffiti

Councillors were concerned that the highlighted issues make travelling to school a challenge as:

- The streets are dirty and smelly
- As people cannot throw or recycle waste properly they are instead polluting and blocking streets/roads towards school

School councillors will have a class meeting WB 9/1/23 to share their views and ask classmates if they would like to add to the list of things that they are proud of/not proud of in Newham.

Pupils will also be able to give suggestions on how to tackle the problems highlighted.

School councillors will collect ideas and write a final draft of their letter and proposal to share with City Hall.

Next class meeting: WB 9/1/23

Next school council meeting: 20/1/23

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- Animals are being affected by the rubbish in green spaces and docks
- Pupils may not attend school or be late due to travel delays
- Canisters pose a risk for those on bikes, scooters, buggies or wheel chairs as they can damage wheels

School councillors have created a draft letter to share with London councillors explaining what challenges they have noticed, the impact it is having on pupils and some possible solutions to counter the challenge.

Some solutions suggested include:

- Providing more rubbish, recycling and animal waste bins around Newham
- More monitoring of fly tipping and quicker removal of roads/streets that are blocked
- Stricter fines for those who litter or leave dog mess
- Workshops to teach families on how to recycle properly
- Monitoring of anti-social behaviour
- Free dog waste bags for dog owners
- Paying refuse and TFL workers more money