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International Pupil Council minutes

The meeting started at 12.30pm Tuesday 20th January 2015

Present

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| Stoneferry PS | Harvey & Caitlin |
| Stepney PS | Morgan & Cailey |
| St Richards V C Academy | Katelyn |
| Thoresby PS | Vinush & Jackson |
| Endsleigh Holy Child RC PS | Ronnie & Ella |
| Clifton PS | Kaci & Ally-May |
| Sutton Park PS | Charlotte and Courtney |
| Priory PS | Connor & India |
| Oakfield S | Josh & Jacob |
| Pearson PS | Halimah & Shaid |

Chair: Kate Hindson, Pearson Primary School

Apologies: Bricknell PS
Thorpepark PS
Andrew Marvell
Thomas Ferens

1. School reports on fund raising activities

Endsleigh HC Had a Christmas Jumper day and raised more money for the Ebola appeal.

Clifton had a year 6 lesson about the virus and raised questions which were answered.

Oakfield have raised money for the ebola appeal by giving half the proceeds from their tuck shop and half the money raised from payment for lockers (£2 each). They also organised a bike race from one end of the school field to the other, the entry fees of £1.50. went to the ebola appeal. Staff contributed to charity boxes to send to Sierra Leone, which contained toiletries and medication like paracetamol.

Pearson gave the proceeds of their Christmas Fair and Christmas raffle to the ebola appeal.

Priory held a cup-cake sale for the ebola appeal.

St Richards held assemblies about ebola and did work on it across the school.

Stepney ran a Christmas shoe-box appeal for Sierra Leone.

Stoneferry held 2 Christmas Jumper days to raise money for the ebola appeal and donated proceeds of their Christmas Fair. Their school council is also planning non-uniform days.

Sutton Park held a Christmas Jumper day and sent money raised at their Christmas Fair for the ebola appeal.

Thoresby raised money for the ebola crisis through their disco, Christmas Fair and Christmas Jumper day.

Universal Children's day

Clifton had visitors from HANA, Humber All Nations Alliance, in school from a number of different countries who played their own music and danced, and pupils could try on the clothes, play their instruments and ask questions.

Endsleigh organised different activities across the school, in the IPC reps' class, they held a charity auction which involved bidding for human rights in different countries.

At **Pearson** classes also organised their own activities. For example, Class 1 listed children's rights they knew, and coloured those that are being respected in school. They also used post-it notes to denote rights being respected or not on the activity poster. Class 2 drew pictures to show different children's rights, some of which were shown at the meeting. Class 5 debated whether adults should be allowed to hit children.

2. Welcome back to School boxes

The chair reported that the schools are hoping to reopen soon and representatives discussed the challenges which might be involved. Reps worked in mixed groups to discuss and note down what might be put into boxes. The meeting was particularly concerned that pupils in Freetown schools would have access to clean water and there was some discussion about how this could be achieved. It was agreed that sterilizing tables might be the simplest option. The groups decided to consider the possible box contents under different headings:

School

Pens, pencils, rulers, notepads, protractors, crayons, rubbers, solar calculators, reading books, revision guides, dictionaries, exercise books, mirrors (for symmetry work), tracing paper, book marks, old computers

Home

Old mobile phones, bedding, cutlery, toiletries (e.g. shower gel, shampoo, moisturizing cream, toothpaste), medicines, hair brushes, hair bobbles, old reading glasses, sun glasses, sterilizing tablets, second hand uniform, second hand shoes, second hand clothes in good condition.

Toys

Teddies, dolls, yoyos, playing cards, games, marbles (for older children), dice.

It was thought that boxes might apply to age bands, e.g. 4 – 6, or 14 – 16.

3. Kids Blog page

Paul Browning, head teacher of Stepney, showed the IPC the Kids blog page which has been created for the IPC, and demonstrated how it works using his school blog. The IPC blog will be up and running shortly. It can be used for sending messages between schools here and in Hastings and internationally.

4. Poetry book project

The Global network group reported to the IPC on the plan to produce a book of poems, illustrations, school prayers etc with contributions from the linked schools in Freetown and Hull. Schools were asked to decide how the selection would be made in their schools and to select entries for the next meeting in March.

5. Pupils wrote their action plan to take back to their school

6. It was noted that today the Oakfield representatives were the only secondary pupils. They contributed significantly to the small and whole group discussion in the meeting, but missed the company of their own age group.

7. Thank you to Katelyn and Mr Heywood at St Richards PS for hosting the meeting.

8. The next meeting will be held at 12.30pm on Tuesday 24th March at Sutton Park Primary School.

9. Meeting ended 2.20pm.