

Dear Parents, Carers and Rise Parkers,

We are excited to write to you to update you on everything that we, as a School Council, have been working on this Autumn term alongside the rest of the school. It has been a busy one with lots of exciting things to come after Christmas too.



We started the year by planning our Harvest Festival. We wanted to do something a bit different this year and celebrate the diversity of harvest around the world. Our 'Around the World' theme allowed each year group to research the harvest season in different countries and each class then created some bunting that was used to decorate the school halls for the dinner party. We worked with our classes to create a themed dinner menu; had music from around the world to listen to while we ate and dance to on the

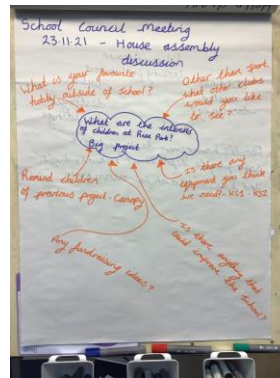


playground; and asked each class to learn some basic phrases in their country's language. Most importantly, we collected donations to send to our local food bank – thank you so much to everyone who so generously donated! – *Sheena*



Next up was Children in Need day! We felt it was really important to raise money for this amazing charity so planned a dress down day where we wore comfy pyjamas or Pudsey Bear fancy dress for £1. We also decided to run a design a Pudsey competition for 50p per entry to raise more money. Well done to all the winners! Again, we thank you for your generosity as after the final count, we raised £710! – *Leuan*

Having settled into term, we knew it was time to gather and hear the views of the rest of the children in school so in our school council meeting we decided the best way to do this would be to run a whole-school house team assembly. The following week, we gathered in our House Teams and asked the following questions: What after-school clubs would you like to be on offer? What could be improved or changed in school? There were so many wonderful ideas shared which we have been busy looking through. We are pleased to have narrowed the huge list down to some of the most popular ideas and begun to plan new after-school clubs for after Christmas. – *Dominik*



Next steps... As we look to next term, we are looking forward to making the ideas shared by the rest of the school a reality. We have made a start on our first project – the Wall of Wonder – which will be a display in school where everyone can add their achievements and things that they are proud of for us to celebrate. We have also started to plan some fundraising ideas to help us raise funds for the other school improvements and projects. One that we are particularly excited about, is creating a healthy snack bar for play times. – *Olivia*

Thank you for reading our letter and for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
The School Council