

## Notes for Teachers - School Council Pack

Aim	Activity	Resources	Additional Notes
<u>Introduction-Setting up a school council</u>			
Setting up a school council		Explanation sheet	Information sheet for teachers about how to go about setting up a School Council
Things to remember		Explanation sheet	Notes for teachers on some of the most important points to remember when setting up and running a School Council
<u>Understanding democracy and voting( whole class)</u>			
Understanding democracy	Read points about democracy	Worksheet	The children will become familiar with what is meant by the term democracy They will discuss what kind of society we live in and evidence to support this view Learn the role of their Local Councillor and Assembly Member
	Note points for and against	Worksheet	Discuss and note points in favour of democracy and dictatorship

	Look for examples of democracy in the community	Newspapers Record sheet	Read through newspaper articles for examples of democracy in the society Note how democracy works in those situations
Voting	Worksheet to show what the children know about voting  Worksheet to express an opinion about voting styles  Read details on voting arrangements at the National Assembly for Wales and	Worksheet  Worksheet  Worksheet/ Discussion	The children can answer questions to show what they know about voting and whether they have ever voted for something  Express an opinion on different styles of voting, noting good/bad points about them  Opportunity to discuss and express an opinion, listen to others and respond to other peoples viewpoints Opportunity to hold a vote

	discuss their opinions about these arrangements		
<u>National Assembly for Wales meetings (whole class)</u>			
National Assembly for Wales meetings	Comprehension	Information sheet and questions	Information sheet about the order of meetings in the National Assembly followed by questions about the piece
Rules	Cards to distribute	Cards	Cards to distribute to establish rules of the meeting This is an opportunity to see if all the children agree on what is acceptable behaviour in meetings They should have time to discuss any points on which they do not all agree
	Look at the internet for rules of meetings, how to arrange a meeting and questions to ask	Worksheet	Research work on the rules of the Assembly Discuss Assembly meetings and what rules the School Council has

	AMs		
My work	Compare School Council responsibilities with those at the National Assembly for Wales	Worksheet	Complete the 4 blank squares
<u>School Council Duties</u>			
Effective School Councillor	Read and discuss what makes an effective School Councillor What makes an effective Assembly Member?	Information sheet An effective AM sheet	Read the information on how to be an effective School Councillor Complete the worksheet on what makes an effective Assembly Member
Sharing Responsibilities	Fill in a questionnaire	Questionnaire	Questionnaire to see what jobs the elected members would like to do
School Council and National Assembly for Wales Jobs	Elect pupils to different roles in the School Council Design a mural	Matching cards	The children can show what they understand of the different duties and responsibilities of roles within the school council and National Assembly for Wales

	<p>to be displayed in the school corridor to show a photograph of each school council member along with their new job titles</p> <p>Match the cards which give information about roles in the National Assembly for Wales to the correct job title</p>		<p>Some cards are blank to add job titles relevant to individual School Councils</p>
<p>Jobs in the Cabinet</p>	<p>Connect the Members of the cabinet and their posts</p>	<p>Matching cards</p>	<p>Understand the connection between responsibilities on the School Council and Ministers in the National Assembly Each one has a specific role and</p>

			individual responsibilities They can use <a href="http://www.assemblywales.org">www.assemblywales.org</a> to help them find the answers
<b>School Council discussion topics</b>			
Holding a debate			Discussing and expressing an opinion The Council can practice discussing, expressing an opinion and agreeing and disagreeing
Road Safety	Discuss road safety Discuss school travel arrangements Questionnaire Action points	Questionnaire	Activity to show that there is an opportunity for the School Council to work on many aspects of school life both inside and out The activity gives children the chance to look at wider environmental problems that affect the school They can complete a questionnaire to find out how the children feel about travelling to school- then different Council members can be appointed to act as necessary
Keeping safe	Discuss with pupils and	Worksheet	Council to discuss results of their research

	<p>teachers what kind of accidents are most common at school- design a poster to try to cut down the number of accidents at school</p>	<p>Poster</p>	<p>Plan a strategy to cut down on accidents at school Make posters to display</p>
<p>Chewing Gum</p>	<p>Discuss and express an opinion for and against</p> <p>Discuss different people's comments and put into categories</p>	<p>Worksheet - for / against</p> <p>Comment Cards</p>	<p>In order to raise confidence and debating skills between School Council members discuss the problems of chewing gum in their local area Note ideas in favour / against raising the price of chewing gum</p> <p>Read different people's comments about the problem and discuss their ideas - put the ideas into categories</p>

	Note opinions about different strategies to deal with the problem	Worksheet	Express an opinion
Recycling	Information sheet and quiz	Details about recycling and recycling quiz -How green are you?	Hold a quiz in class to see what the children are currently doing to help the environment Discuss, as a Council, where the weaknesses are in the recycling arrangements / helping the environment, arrange a campaign/ project to do more
Litter	Discuss the problem of litter in and around the school	Discussion sheet	Discuss as a Council what the main problems with litter in the area are What kind of projects could the council start to solve the problem? Make posters, raise awareness, raise money for more bins etc
Rights	Hold a quiz on <i>Rights</i> to see what the children know about ages and legal rights	Quiz	Discuss further are these ages fair? Is it fair that you can smoke and get married before you can vote?

Play time	Note what play resources are in the school Discuss how to improve facilities	Worksheet Poster  Poster	Discuss as a council what kind of resources the children at the school would like to see added to the playing fields / yard and whether arrangements could be made to buy more resources / develop some of their ideas Hold a vote Make a poster of the best ideas Make a poster to remind the children to keep this area clean, safe and happy
<b>Evaluation</b>			
Feedback forms	Fill in the feedback forms	Feedback form ( one staff and one pupil)	Questionnaire to see the opinion of the whole school on the School Council