

Merton Children's Parliament

Monday 15th January 2024

Members of our Head Boy and Girl Teams were invited to attend Merton's first Children's Parliament. There were 17 schools represented and each school was invited to share a key priority of focus in their own school. Priorities ranged from improving school lunches and playtimes to improving attendance on a Friday and providing more opportunities for reducing the amount of litter in and around the school.

Our team proudly presented their key priority of: initiatives to improve attendance on a Friday (Singlegate), the securing of a grant to launch the BeDifferent Bistro for the local community (William Morris) and the planning of mindfulness activities to support all children's ability to successfully build relationships (Lonesome).

The children were then invited to speak to other school representatives about what they would like to see being improved in the London Borough of Merton. There was a unanimous sense of focussing on 'equality' and so it was agreed after a small vote to focus on equal access to all equipment in all green spaces/parks. It was inspiring to be involved on a larger scale in the future of the London Borough of Merton. We look forward to our next meeting next half-term and in the meantime, we will continue to focus on our 'key priority' and we will update you all, as we progress.

