

A Message from the School Council

The school council is made up of democratically elected representatives.

Pupils nominate themselves; ballot papers issued, and a secret vote takes place. Other members of their year group vote for one boy and one girl to be their class representatives.

The School Council is the voice of the children in school. The children can speak to their representatives about any matter they wish. The School Council member will then report back to the committee meetings, which are held frequently. Other ways children can have their say is the suggestion box or speaking to the School Council Link Coordinator - Mrs Burton.

At the School Council meetings minutes are taken. All the children have their say and speak to their class. The representatives report back to their classes on any decisions that are made during the meeting.

The School Council raises funds by making and serving toast every day and enjoying waffles on waffle Wednesday once a month. There is a charge ___ of per term. The monies raised goes back into school and over the years they have bought a friendship bench, picnic tables, netball posts, PE equipment. They organised a sponsored obstacle race to raise funds for the adventure playground. All the children benefit from end of term treats, Easter eggs hunts, competitions and prizes and they have also contributed to reading areas in each class. Most recently they invited TEACHREX - Jam the dinosaurs into school.

The School Council organise parent lunches for each year groups, this is the time when parents join their children for lunch. They have also requested themed lunches such as 'Teddy Bears Picnic, Space and Aliens, Harry Potter banquet lunch and had a delicious chocolate fountain fruit kebab. The Seaside themed lunch has the local ice cream van attend school. If you would like your child to support the School Council and have a morning snack, please log on to your 'ParentMail' account and purchase the 'Toast' item EVERY TERM.

The School Council supports children's charities throughout the year including; Comic Relief and Children in Need. They also support Christian Aid and the local Foodbank. The School Council has also made donations to the school's own History Council to help them achieve a History Quality Mark.

Apart from doing lots for school and charities they also invite the community into school for Coffee and Carols and the Summer Community Afternoon Tea.

The School Council through its members want to make Balderstone School a warm, welcoming, safe, happy and friendly school where children's opinions are listened to and are acted upon.

