



Whinhill Pupil Voice

In Whinhill we believe that children need to be active participants in their own education and to feel that their opinions will be heard within our school and the wider community. We seek ways to listen to the views of our pupils and involve them in decision-making so that they are engaged as partners in the life of the school. The opportunity for our pupils to share their opinions is a part of Whinhill school life and can happen in lots of ways. Our pupil voice is embedded throughout the curriculum and by the use of a variety of pupil committees. We believe that our committees will enhance and develop positive pupil leadership skills and encourage a greater sense of responsibility throughout the school. Here is a snapshot of the types of activities our pupils have been involved in within their committees.

Eco Committee

We are responsible for helping keep the school clean by promoting recycling around the school and area with our litter pickers. As part of this we have a group of 'Super Sorters' that empty the school bins every Thursday with the help of our janitor Mr Swankie. All these things have helped us achieve our **Eco green flag!** We still need to continue our great work to keep our flag and maybe complete our next flag!



Rights Respecting Committee

We are responsible for making sure that pupils in the school are respecting each other's rights. We have a meeting once a month to discuss how to raise awareness of children's rights in the school. We have recently created a playtime and lunchtime charter. We worked together and picked rights that pupils should be aware of when they are playing outside and having lunch in the canteen. All classes also have a class charter and a 'right of the month' which we decide together. We were delighted to achieve the RRS Level 2 Award!



Fairtrade Committee

We are responsible for educating the school about Fairtrade and where products come from. We hold a small tuck-shop every Friday during break filled with delicious chocolate and healthy fruit snacks. We ask the Fairtrade members from P1-7 to help us run the tuck-shop. Promoting Fairtrade helps the fight against forced child labour supporting children's rights. We also host a Fairtrade café after our class assemblies. You have a Fairtrade coffee or tea and a Fairtrade product. We look forward to continuing our work with Fairtrade and helping change lives of others with our choices.



Pupil Council

In the Pupil Council we help make decisions about the school and make sure that everyone has a chance to have their opinions and ideas heard. Each class has a member who is the spokesperson on behalf of the class. We have regular meetings and we discuss things our classmates have brought up. Our suggestion box is in the ICT suite if you have any ideas or worries that you want to share.



Health Squad

In the Health Squad are always on the look out for people who have made healthy choices. We encourage a healthy lifestyle and help organise Health Week. Recently we decided to run a mascot competition for our committee to have a new logo. We link in with the Fairtrade committee to make sure that there are healthy options to sell at the tuck shop every Friday.



Junior Road Safety Officers

We try to get everyone to walk to school because...

- it's a safe way to travel
- it's healthy because you are exercising
- it cuts down pollution from cars and buses
- you can walk with your friends

We organize and lead 'Walk to School Week' to encourage everyone to make healthy choices. We attend JRSO meetings to discuss any issues with Road Safety Officers and the Police. We also think about events we can plan to encourage everyone to walk to school.



Literacy Committee

In the Literacy group we are in charge of organising and thinking of ideas for whole school literacy events such as World Book Day, Book Week Scotland and National Storytelling week. For WBD we decided that everyone would dress up as their favourite book character and pay a £1. All the money went to the charities chosen by the Charity Committee to make sure that children have books to read too!



Charities Committee

The Charities Committee links with other committees to help raise funds for people in need. We suggest charities to fund raise for then organise a whole school vote to decide on our chosen charities for the year. We lead different events such as Pudsey Day for Children In Need and organize a Charities fete. We also have a suggestion box for the whole school to share ideas on how we can fundraise.



Global Citizens

We are the Global Citizens who are a group of P7 representatives from all of our other committees. We helped organise a parcel to be sent to Litchenza Primary (our partner school in Malawi) from all classes in Whinhill. Each class organised something to send about what life is like living in Scotland with items ranging from letters, postcards and photo collages to bunting and artwork. This helped us look at the similarities and differences in culture between our countries and raise awareness of the impact our choices about recycling, buying Fairtrade, walking to school and fundraising have.

