



*Children and adults are at the heart of our school;
our school is at the heart of our community.*

Our Lakeview pupils using their voice and taking responsibility!

Dear parents/carers,

Our new school values were launched in September and introduced to children through our Values assembly which is now held weekly. Our school values are:

Kindness – Responsibility – Respect – Aspiration – Excellence - Perseverance

This term our focus is on developing our understanding of how we can demonstrate the first three values ourselves, with one value each week being highlighted as a visible value challenge; this is also rewarded in our Celebration assembly. This week's value is responsibility and in our key stage one assembly, it has been delightful to hear children sharing how they are being responsible not just in school but also at home, by helping and supporting their families. This is also extending into the community as I had a thank you email this week from a Wixams resident, complementing the actions of four Lakeview boys.

Today in year 6, I have had the privilege of listening to the views and presentations of our wonderful students taking responsibility, in preparation for their opportunity to be voted Head Girl or Head Boy. All of the children have presented their speeches with such maturity, and they have given significant consideration to the school improvements they would like to make, along with how they plan to fulfil the role. Thank you for your support in enabling this to happen.

As a result, six candidates will present their speeches to the whole school on Monday in order for the children to cast their votes for Head Girl and Head Boy on Thursday 14th October.

School council voting has also been taking place this week, with one girl and one boy from each class (year 1 – year 6) being chosen to represent their year group and take responsibility for improving the school. This is an exciting time for school, as we offer our children opportunities in school to develop as responsible school citizens in preparation for adult life.

Having met with all of the Year 6 children who presented today, there are a number of suggestions which will be shared for discussion with our newly formed School Council. In addition, there will be further opportunities for children to work together and become school ambassadors as we introduce new roles to develop our school community and children's leadership skills in line with our school values.

I will share the outcome of the Head Girl and Head Boy School election, and names of our School Council team next week.

In the meantime, I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Jackie Normanton

Head Teacher