

JLT – Progress 2015

- Whole school elections whereby children had to put themselves forward to represent their class on the JLT. Democratic class votes decided on the winner.
- Got together and decided on the priorities of the JLT within the school – what things were our responsibility, teacher’s responsibility, SLT responsibility etc.
- Children decided how meetings should be held – everyone should be allowed to have their suggestion heard, we all must listen and wait until it is our turn to speak, vote on decisions before they are passed, we are a force for positivity in the school and we are not here to complain but to make a difference.
- Created a logo for the JLT which was won by Grace in Year 5 – we have mugs with it on which we use now during our sessions.
- The JLT were at the Daft as a Brush centre in Gosforth for the launch of our school’s bus ‘Polly Pebble’ which was designed by one of our children.
- Created a system for looking after playground equipment. Initially worked well but encountered some issues due to lack of communication. It was discussed why it hadn’t been a success and suggestions were given for improvements next time round.
- Fielded suggestions from the school on how to improve things (with minimum cost) – suggestions for the school website, many of which have been implemented or are in the process of being implemented (class area – more of a blog that can be updated by children and class teacher coming before the end of the school year).
- Star of the Month is now recognised in assembly which the children were very passionate about achieving as they felt a month’s worth of hard work should be recognised above one week’s.
- Three of the members have drafted a letter for local businesses asking them for their help for school fayres, fundraising ideas etc. This has been given to the office to send out.
- Created draft pages for the JLT’s Welcome Guide to Newsham for new members of staff. There are still some more technical aspects to be completed and a front cover (whole school competition).

- Coming up with fundraising ideas for the Blyth Wildlife Rescue – poster campaign, pet/animal day - each class have their own animal to study (dress up and donate possibly same day as poster campaign), something that could go viral like the ice bucket challenge but in our own way, donate any spare food, straw or hay etc., JLT to go and visit BWR, jumble sale, something linked to easter (egg hunt).
- I have been in touch with John Anderson to see what we can do to help them and I am awaiting a reply. **Unfortunately, Blyth Wildlife Rescue suffered an arson attack and was forced to close so this has stopped this developing any further. In September we are going to re-evaluate our fundraising ideas and apply it to another local charity.**
- JLT led all of the whole school election day. Each child was given a specific job (similar to those carried out in polling stations across the country – registration officer, ballot officer, voter collectors etc.). We were fortunate enough to have the actual voting booths in school which helped to make it seem more authentic. Widely agreed by staff and governors that the children took part in a process that very closely mirrored what was happening around the country that week.
- During assembly, JLT reinforced their understanding by explaining their jobs and talking about how their role contributed to the wider democratic process.
- School Website blog pages – This was an early JLT idea put forward to the school. It has taken a year but we now finally have a place where all children can easily update the school website.