

PUPIL VOICE MEETINGS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

This term Pupil Voice have been discussing what shoes are appropriate for school uniform as some children have started to wear trainers.

First, pupil voice representatives had a discussion with their class about their choice of shoe. Thinking about the what makes a good school shoe and taking photos of shoes that the children in their class wear.

Summary of results of class discussions

- All classes agreed shoes should be black.
- Some thought leather is good.
- The children like comfortable, soft, flexible & durable footwear
- The younger pupils said "We need to be able to run, dance, jump and climb in them."
- Year 6 agreed that both trainers and shoes can be poor quality. They also said that shoes don't affect learning.
- Some children think velcro or slip on are best as easy to manage.
- Pupil voice think school shoes unite children and make us feel like we're at school and trainers sometimes cause arguments.

After the initial discussions pupil voice decided they would do a lunchtime vote. Y6 representatives gave out stickers to pupils and they voted for the shoe that they thought was most appropriate for school uniform.

The results of the vote were very mixed and pupil voice believe that black trainers should not be part of school uniform, however plan to do a final vote asking the question: "Are black trainers appropriate for school?" showing photos to the whole school after assembly the children will simply vote yes/no.

Results of the vote with your feet.



73% of children asked (205) answered 'yes' these black trainers are appropriate for school.



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Charlie from Y6 thought the vote was biased because children followed their friends.

Pupil voice agreed that despite the vote black trainers should not be allowed as part of school uniform because people may get bullied about it and some pupils may start to push the rule and wear less black.

The group also agreed that pupils can bring in black trainers for break/lunchtimes. This would be discussed with Mrs Hollis to finalise.