

School Council Assembly PowerPoint



What Is School Councils

Today we are going to talk about our school council.

A school council is a group that meets regularly to discuss ways we can make our school the best it can be.

The group is made up of two representatives from each class and a member of staff who will probably be the school council coordinator. It may also include the headteacher, governors or parents-teacher association representatives.

Classes will elect children to represent them at school council meetings.

What Is School

Some people elected to be on the school council will have special jobs. The people who do these jobs are called officers.

I am the chairperson of the school council. I run the meetings and make sure everyone is involved. I work with the secretary to plan the agenda (the agenda is the plan for the meeting).



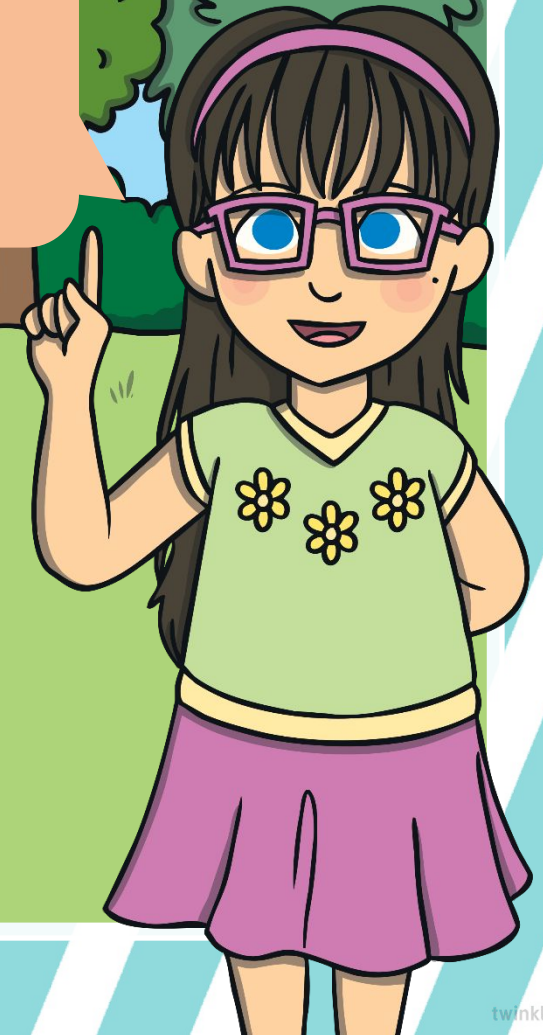
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I am the deputy or vice-chairperson. I help the chairperson and do their job when they are away.



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I am the secretary. I write the agenda when the chairperson tells me what to include. I check everyone has a copy of the agenda and I write notes to show what has been agreed in the meeting. These notes are called the minutes.



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I am the treasurer. I look after the money and check on our spending.



What Does the School Council

Do?

The school council will have the chance to discuss lots of different things.

They will discuss priorities for the school to help our school leaders make good decisions that are in the best interests of everyone.

They will also discuss areas they see as priorities and get the chance to share their ideas about how to make our school the best it can be.

Their ideas might include:

- starting a healthy snack scheme at playtime;
- making a buddy system for younger children;
- fundraising for new equipment;
- new books we would like to see in the school library or book corners.

To do this successfully, school council representatives will need to feed back information to their class and get their opinions on these issues.

What Does the School Council Do?

I would like to help organise events for our community.

Can we do more learning with other classes?

I would like more equipment for PE lessons.

We should have different classes leading assemblies.

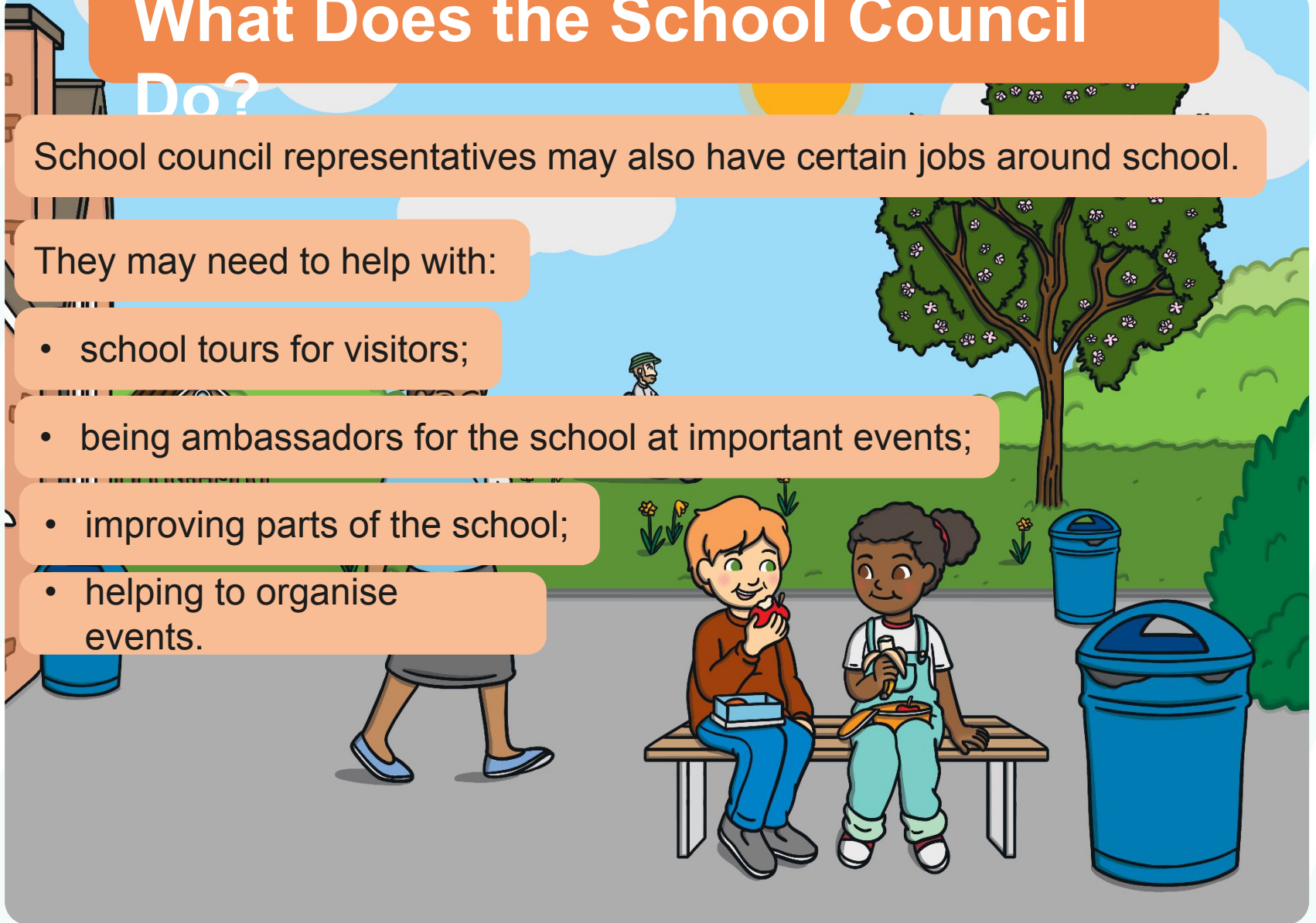
School council can help!

What Does the School Council Do?

School council representatives may also have certain jobs around school.

They may need to help with:

- school tours for visitors;
- being ambassadors for the school at important events;
- improving parts of the school;
- helping to organise events.



What Qualities Do School Councillors Need?

A Good Listener

School councillors will need to listen to children in their class to find out what people think about certain issues. They will also need to listen well in meetings to identify what the main points of the discussion are.

Be Approachable

Children need to be able to talk to school councillors and share their ideas freely.

Commitment to the School

School councillors will want our school to be the best it can be.

Reliable

We need to be able to rely on school councillors to do their job to the best of their ability.

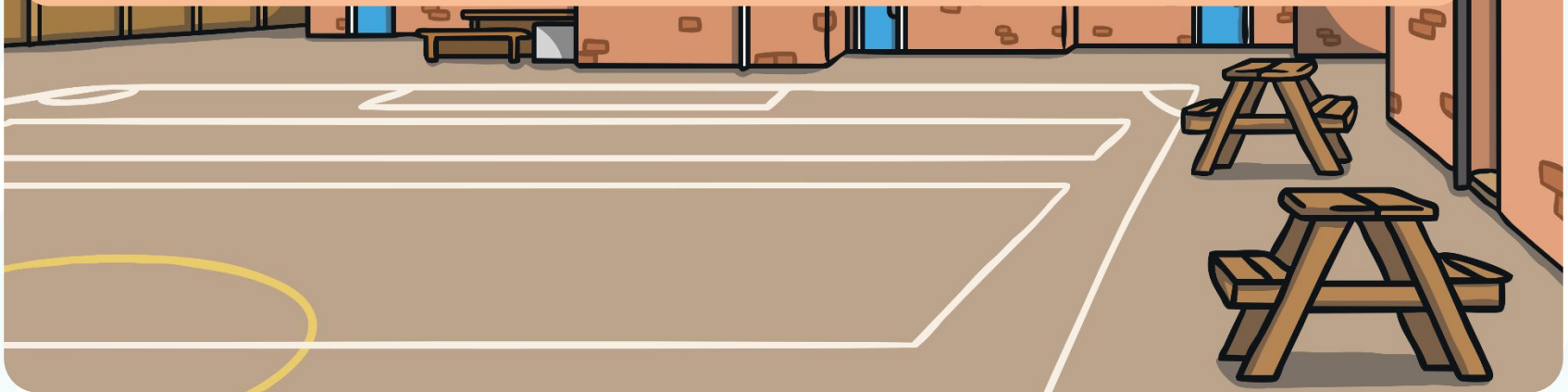
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Important?

It is always important for children to have a say in decisions that affect them.

An organisation called the United Nations wrote a list of 54 rights called the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our rights make sure we have what we need to be healthy, safe and happy. The Convention explains how adults and governments should work together to make sure children have these rights met.

There are rights on this list which say how important it is for children to be involved in decision-making about areas which affect them.



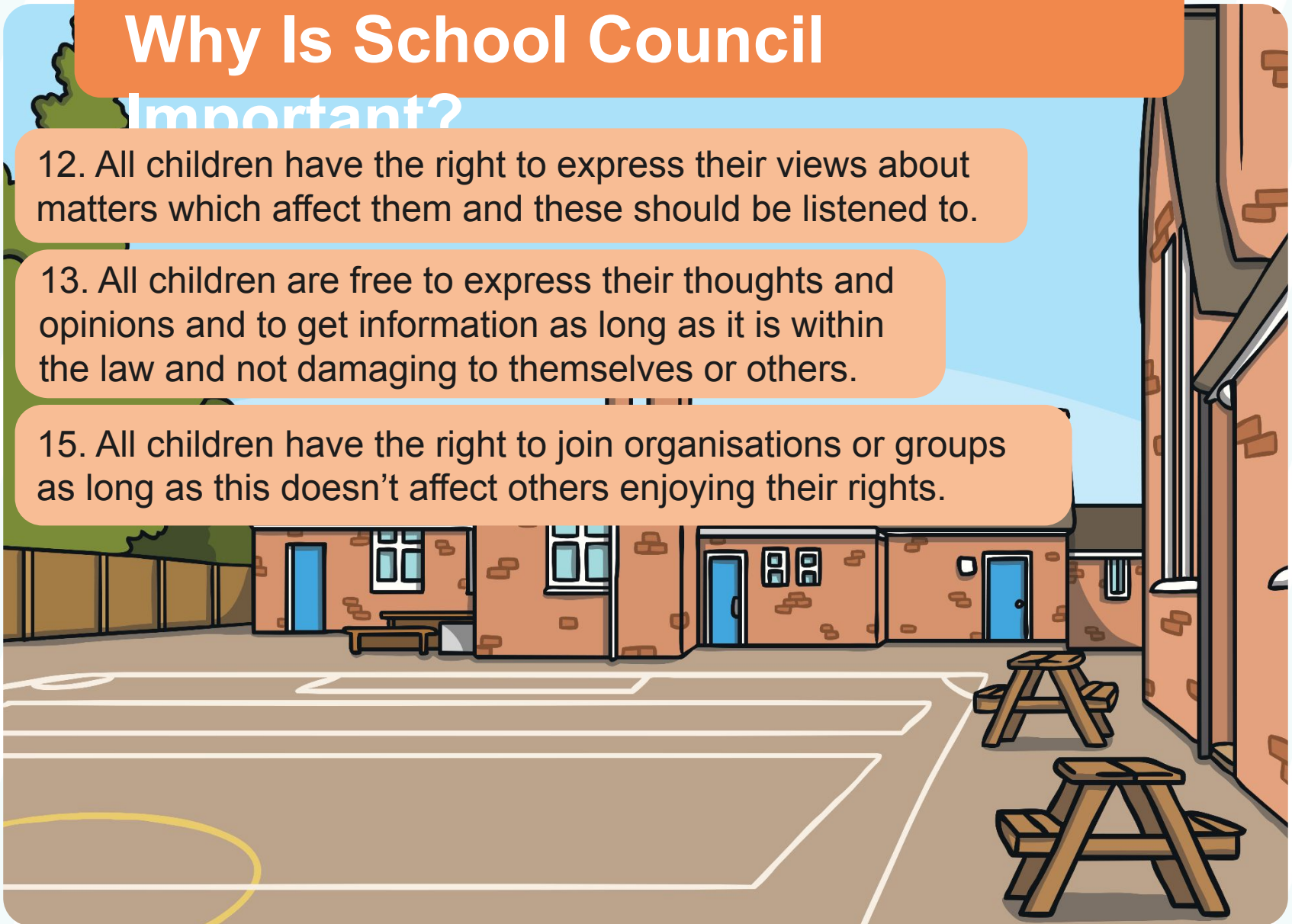
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12. All children have the right to express their views about matters which affect them and these should be listened to.

13. All children are free to express their thoughts and opinions and to get information as long as it is within the law and not damaging to themselves or others.

15. All children have the right to join organisations or groups as long as this doesn't affect others enjoying their rights.



Why Is School Council

Our school council helps make sure we get a chance to share our opinions and influence decisions which concern us.

Having a school council helps make sure we get our voices heard. It gives everyone the chance to be involved in the decisions we make about school and allows us to be active citizens.

Being an active citizen means we engage with what is going on in our community and want to help make a positive contribution.

Participating in school council elections is part of a democratic process.

Democracy means 'rule by the people'. Countries that have a democratic system have elections so people can vote for political parties to make policies, rules and decisions for the country.

Pupil Voice in Our School

School council is one way we can get involved in decision-making for our school and make it the best it can be.

Because the school council is a way that children can get involved, it is part of pupil voice.

Pupil voice provides an opportunity for learners to play an active role in decisions affecting them so we can work together to plan and review what needs to be done.

If you would be interested in joining the school council or would just like more information, speak to your class teacher.

