

Governor Emma Rees spent an afternoon talking with pupils and finding out about their understanding of British Values.



‘The School Council is democratically elected to make improvements for us’

Emma said:

All the children in KS2 could tell me what the School Council had achieved. Pupils commented for example that : ‘The school Council chose the playground lines’ and ‘They arranged a vote on the school dinners for everyone to do.’ It was good to hear the pupils explain that the School Council were given ideas by their classmates and then they talked about them to make things better. Pupils described the School Council as ‘a really good system’, but only a minority related this to the British Value of Democracy.

Emma reported that:

- ◆ Pupils in Y5 and Y6 were confident to talk about this and volunteered information about democracy, individual liberty and respecting the rules.
- ◆ Younger children were not so articulate on the names of British Values but pupils in every class could explain the voting system for electing the school council.
- ◆ Pupils throughout the school talked with interest about different religions but only Y5 offered the opinion that ‘It’s OK to not have a religion, but you need to respect people who do.’
- ◆ Pupils in all year groups could recall learning about Ramadan and celebrating Eid, Divali, Chinese New Year and Holi as well as Christmas, though nobody specifically volunteered that showing respect is a British Value.