

# Oxspring Pupil Parliament News

Dear Parents

We thought you might like to hear about our work as a Pupil Parliament over the past year. It has been a great experience and we have enjoyed listening to the views and opinions of our fellow pupils.

It has been a busy year and we have learnt a great deal about being an MP and how a Parliament goes about its work.



We have:

- Produced a code of conduct setting out our aims and values
- Held regular class surgeries to listen to the concerns and views of pupils
- Spoken at assemblies
- Raised the concerns of pupils over the toilet areas and produced a video to encourage everyone to use the toilets as they should.
- Met with Angela Smith our local MP
- Visited Barnsley Town Hall and met with the Mayor.
- Helped with planning and seeking sponsorship for the refurbishment of the garden area.
- Joined school governors to observe teaching and learning in all classes.
- Exchanged the minutes of our PP meetings with the Governors' meetings to keep each other informed.
- Been involved in interviews for new members of staff.

At the end of this week we will all be standing down as MPs as Year 6 members will be leaving and Year 5 pupils will have an opportunity to stand again for election in September. The new school year will be exciting as the new PP will not only be able to continue being a voice for all pupils but will play an important role in our school's submission to gain the Investors in Pupils Award.

We are so grateful to Mrs Marsden for all her support, advice and time. She has helped us in so many ways and we wish her every happiness in her new school.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Irwin and all the staff for their hard work in providing so many great opportunities for everyone to enjoy and for making our school such a special place.

Have a wonderful summer

Yours sincerely,

Members of Oxspring Pupil Parliament



## Pupil Parliament Review 2017-18

Enjoyed most – Visiting  
Barnsley Town Hall and  
talking to the Mayor

Most difficult – talking  
in front of the whole  
school at assembly

Having a Pupil Parliament  
has helped everyone to  
be more aware and to  
have a voice on school  
matters

My advice to new MPs  
would be ‘don’t be afraid  
to speak up and listen  
carefully to the views of  
others’



Class surgeries have  
allowed us to listen to  
the views of younger  
pupils

As an MP my confidence has  
grown and I have learnt  
about how Parliament  
works

My best memories were  
taking part in Governor  
Day; interviewing new staff  
and feeling proud after  
being elected

