

REPORT FROM PRIMARY AND YOUNG PARLIAMENTS BATH SPA UNIVERSITY JULY 12 AND JULY 13 2011

Primary School Parliament

THE WINNERS:

St Saviours and Weston All Saints

HEALTHY THEMED DAYS

The overall theme for the Primary Parliament this year was Healthy Lives and children from KS1 and KS2 came to Bath Spa University to discuss this issue. KS1 children spent some time developing their ideas about how they felt children could have healthier lives. They produced a large collage containing their ideas which they presented to the whole assembly. Ideas included: apples, swimming, play equipment, fruit and vegetables, football, gymnastics, park, cycling, walking, washing on a line, getting fresh air, soul bird (from the soul bird - to help you be happy), cricket, doing wake and shake.

KS2 children split up into three groups to put forward their school proposals. These were voted on and six motions were taken forward to be debated in the afternoon assembly. There were some very good ideas and the final voting produced a very close result:

Healthy Theme Days	16 votes
Outdoor Learning	14 votes
Farming, Growing and Sharing	14 votes
Our Healthy School	12 votes
Reducing Waste	12 votes
Five a Day 10	10 votes

The winning proposal for Healthy Theme Days came from St Saviours and Weston All Saints. The overall idea would be to have one week in the school calendar when all primary schools are following the same healthy themed days. The children then gave a presentation of their proposal to the Policy Development and Scrutiny Council Meeting on July 18th. It was agreed that relevant Children's Services officers would take this idea forward.

Young Parliament

THE WINNERS:

Youth For Christ and Culverhay School

COMMUNITY GARDENS

The working party for the Young Parliament comprised young people from UKYP and DAFBY who also helped to organise and facilitate the day. The Key Note Speakers were Jamie Notton and Sam Clements from Broadlands School who, as members of Student Voice, had successfully presented the case for why their school should not be closed.

The Young Parliament came together to debate some excellent proposals under the overall theme of the Environment. This theme links to the priorities for UKYP regionally. These were the proposals that were presented at the main assembly and the results of the final voting:



1. Peasedown Youth Centre.
Solar Panels on all youth clubs
2. Boys' Brigade 3rd
Ban Chewing Gum in Public Places
3. Fosseway School
Eco Schools – recycling, café, food waste, composting
4. **Culverhay School** **1st**
Community Gardens
5. **Youth for Christ** **1st**
Community Gardens
6. Chew Valley School
Ecommunity on Line 2nd
7. Recycling Waste
Three Ways School

Young people from Youth for Christ and Culverhay School presented their ideas to Policy, Development and Scrutiny on 18th July. Their proposal to identify a piece of urban wasteland to create a Community Garden was well received and members of the Council and a representative from Somer Housing agreed to help the young people with finding a suitable piece of land for development.