

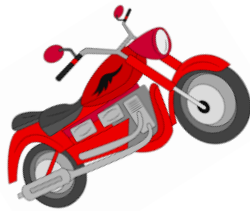
# The Democracy Daily

*Your daily dose of democracy.*

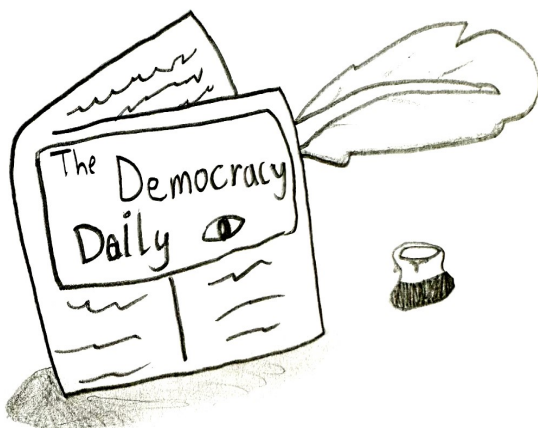
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## THE NEW GENERATION!

Democracy week is finally here! Speculation as to who the next Prime minister will be is in the air - tensions are high across classrooms, corridors and the playground! Please take time to read this paper to find out the current party leaders, deputy leaders and their passionate pledges!



*This year's candidates seem to shun shapes in favour of special symbols*



Drawn by Chieyiem N

### **INSIDE:**

**We exclusively reveal the names of this year's candidates!**

**An interview with Tafari, our current Prime Minister.**

**An exploration of the life of a candidate**

**Plus all the latest gossip and more....**

# Thank You Prime Minister

**An exclusive interview with our current Prime Minister, Tafari!**



***“SUCCESS IS BEHIND FAILURE.”***

**Q1: What benefits has this role given you?**

“I think secondary schools will have higher standards for me because they know that I was Prime Minister and that I am capable of a lot.”

**Q2: How do you feel about somebody else taking up the role as prime minister?**

“I believe in them and I believe they will do a better job than past candidates. However, they should still learn from past candidates”

**Q3: What issues do you think the candidates should address?**

“I think they should address arguments in the playgrounds about football and other things. They should also address wellbeing”

**Q4: Have you enjoyed being Prime Minister?**

“Yes, it was lots of fun, but I don’t think that I would run again if I had the chance.”

**Q5. How did you feel when it was announced that you were Prime minister?**

“I felt very happy and shocked, it was very overwhelming. At the end of the week you have to stand up in front of hundreds of people.”

*Written by Anna and Evelyn*

# The Emerald Dragons



## **Party Leader: Grace F**

When asked how confident she was, she said she was a solid 8 out of ten. The leader of the Emerald Dragons has experience and good qualities as she was deputy last year. Some of these qualities include confidence and a loud voice. She wants to start an anti-bullying campaign in the school to help people who have been bullied and prevent it from happening. She says she has no worries about not getting elected. If she does get elected, however, she vows to listen to anyone with good ideas now and throughout the year.



## **Deputy Leader: Dixie M**

Deputy leader Dixie was very confident and rated herself 10/10! She said her qualities are that she is very proactive and friendly. In our discussion, she thought that there were not enough plants in the school and that they should plant more all around the school. Like her leader, she thinks that they will be elected. They are both very confident!

*Written by Sol M*

# The Brilliant Blue Dragons



## **Party Leader: Iris A**

When Iris was asked how good she felt about running, she told us she is excited about the event, yet nervous since she has seen the previous elections and noticed the tension around the room. She says she had ambitions to run for deputy, but aimed higher once she realised the potential this party could offer. Her plans are to try and have the older children be examples to the little ones and to let them bond through learning. She doesn't yet feel ready for the big day on Thursday, but hopefully soon will be.

## **Deputy Leader: Orla M**



Deputy Leader Orla says she feels "quite good," but she is worried about letting Iris and her party down. She wasn't expecting to be elected as deputy since there were other great contenders in the room, but she got it nevertheless. Her plans for the future are to take children to trips where they can help out in some way, such as gardening centres or old folk's homes. When we asked if she was ready for Thursday, her reply was the same as Iris's. She is not ready as of now but will be in time.

# The Orange Tigers



## **Party Leader: Akaash S**

Akaash was very positive and when asked how confident he was about winning, he scored himself a solid 9.5 out of 10. He would like to extend break time so kids can let all their energy out and therefore lesson time would be a bit calmer. Another thing Akaash would like to change is the lunch rules since people get a bit frustrated waiting so long for others to finish their food. Akaash has many qualities that make him a good leader such as confidence, leadership and friendliness.



## **Deputy Leader: Tessa**

Just like Akaash, Tessa has given herself a high 9.5 out of 10 for confidence. Tessa wants to have more cake sales and fairs to raise money for an Astroturf pitch. Tessa has loads of qualities to boost herself and Akaash to the top spots of Prime and Deputy Minister, such as confidence, great social skills and kindness. They are also articulate and can get their points across well.

*Written by Edgar H*

# The Revolution Riders



## **Party Leader: Tessia**

We asked Tessia, on a scale of 1-10, how confident she felt about potentially becoming Prime Minister and she replied “7.5”. Also, in response to the question “What would you do if you were elected Prime Minister?” Tessia replied that there would be a small jumble sale as well as the original cake sale. Also, she humbly mentioned that she believes strongly in democracy.

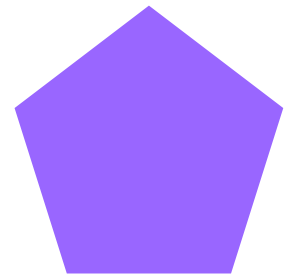
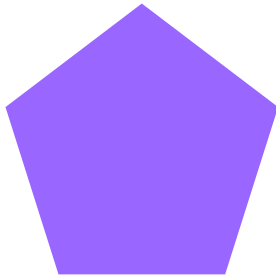


## **Deputy Leader : Rudy**

On a scale of 1-10 Rudy feels he is “6.5” in confidence that his party’s candidate will be elected prime minister. He says that if he were to be elected there would be litter picks every Friday as he wants to make changes that benefit the school and have a positive impact on the environment.

*Written by Chieyiem N*

# The Peaceful Passionate Pentagons



## **Party Leader: Tia E**

When asked how confident Tia was about running for Prime Minister, she gave a solid 8.5/10. Her self-assured words and calm laugh make her an excellent candidate. Her relaxed attitude and positive body language are other traits that make her a strong candidate. Tia reported that her friends all think she is funny and loves a joke. She believes that she can enforce the rules and make school fun. I then questioned how she would do that and she said three warnings would be necessary and that the third one would be serious - the first two just keeping you in check. Tia is also feeling the pressure as party leader and says she isn't ready yet for Thursday, but she's getting on her way and said that she was aware of the 'strong-speaking' candidates.

## **Deputy Leader: John**



John felt a 7.2/10 would be reasonable when asked how confident he was, and he too seemed calm about running for the prestigious title of Deputy Prime Minister. Together, Tia and John believe there is too much violence in the playground and have pledged to introduce a new system of 'peace-protection police' and will have them reporting issues to teachers. John said that he felt pressure to deliver for his party, and found all the adrenaline of the first day fun and exciting. He also said that it is nerve-racking but he is enjoying it nonetheless. John notes, however, that he still doesn't feel ready for the day of voting.

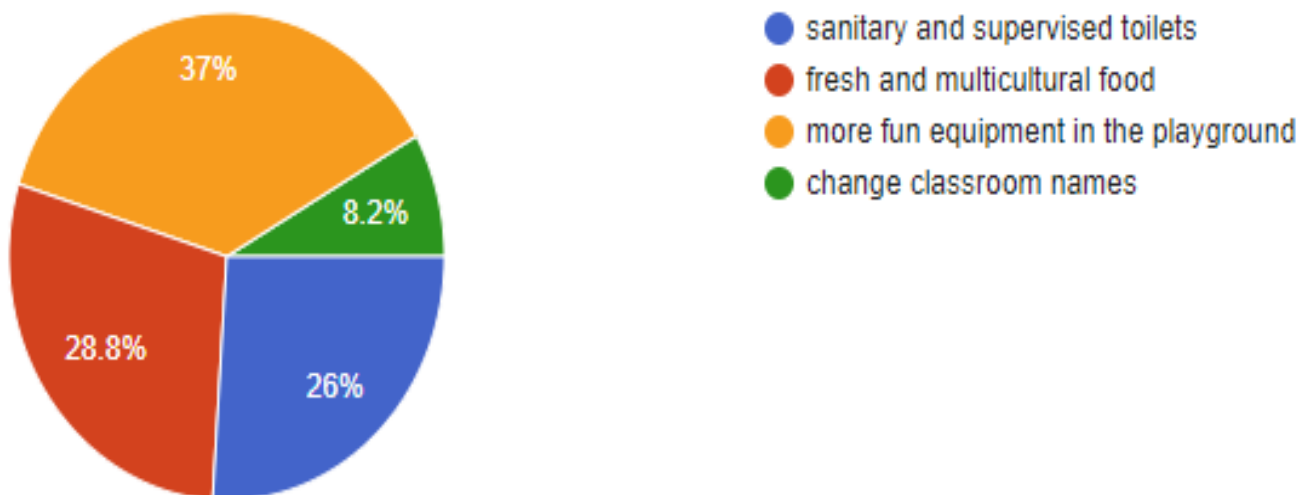
*Written by Daani S*

# The Latest Polls!

Whilst we gather information on the different party manifestos and views about the school, it is important to ask the pupils what changes are most important to them too! Here are the results:

What do people feel are the most important issues facing Millfields today?

73 responses



## Question of the day!

Which of these animals can't swim?

- A) A chinchilla
- B) A camel
- C) A bat



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## News Today Focus

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# A Week In The Life Of A Democracy Week Candidate

Hi there I'm Alahna. I was one of last year's candidates and I will be telling you all about what it's like to be a candidate in the Millfields school election!

The week will usually consist of an interview with you and your deputy on a Monday, a day of manifesto writing on Tuesday, the press conference on Wednesday where you meet the other runners and talk about what you will bring to the school as well as writing your own speech. On Thursday you have the hustings, march and speeches with your party. Voting takes place on Thursday afternoon followed by the announcement of the winner who will then give a speech. This week's schedule will slightly differ because of the strike days, but we will still have a Prime Minister in the end.

### Day 1

If you are picked from your class party to represent, then you will have a meeting with all the other classes. In this meeting you will be asked to state your name, age, class and what you think would make you a good Prime Minister. Then a vote will take place, where it is completely anonymous, and the representatives with the first and the second highest amount of votes would become the

candidates for Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. After that you will be given the basic overview of the week. At some point you will be interviewed by the press who ask questions such as: why are you running for PM? How confident are you? etc. After the interview you go back to class and tell them the good news!

### Day 2

In the morning you meet with the head of your party and your deputy to discuss the key ideas that you will focus on in the press conference. During the conference, which takes place after break, one child from each class asks you a question that each party will attempt to answer, then pictures are taken and you have time to talk with other candidates and share any further ideas. You must remember that all candidates are working towards the same cause, to make Millfields a better place for kids.

After this you are allowed to do one of 2 things, start working on your speech or take part in fun activities with your class.

### Day 3

Throughout the day you meet with your head of party as much as possible. During this time you will be writing your speech that you will give to the school on Thursday. Whilst not working on your speech, you will most likely be in class or running errands. When out running errands you will most likely be hanging promotional posters and using your time to talk to other kids (in key stage 1). When in class you will be talking to your class and your party but also be taking part in activities such as making rosettes and signs for the hustings.

### Day 4

Day 4, in my opinion, is the busiest day of the week. Today you will be finishing off the speech that you will be delivering to the whole school. During the morning, the hustings take place for 15-20 minutes before the school settles for the speech giving. A teacher will call each party's name and they each in turn deliver their speeches. After this, each class, at staggered intervals, cast their votes which are then counted up to 5 times over. Now all you have to do is wait and wish for the best.

### Day 5

Day 5 is so exciting! Everyone is awaiting the announcement. All the candidates stand at the front of the playground (near the shelter) and wait for everyone else to file in. Then the winner is finally announced and asked to give a speech. All other candidates will be asked to meet where they are assigned their cabinet jobs such as Minister Of Education, Eco Minister, Road Safety Minister, etc.

**It's a busy week being a candidate—good luck to all the candidates of 2023.**



*Written by Alahna M*

# Daily Gossip!

A rumour has spread that a party leader and a deputy leader (from different parties) are putting their friendship on hold until the election is over.....tense!!



Overheard in a hallway, a staff member is bribing people to vote for the Brilliant Blue Dragons and has apparently been seen with money in hand!

One party allegedly doesn't care about the school and who votes for them, they only care about getting power over other parties!



**Got any hot gossip on the election?**

**Contact the press team—anonymity guaranteed!**