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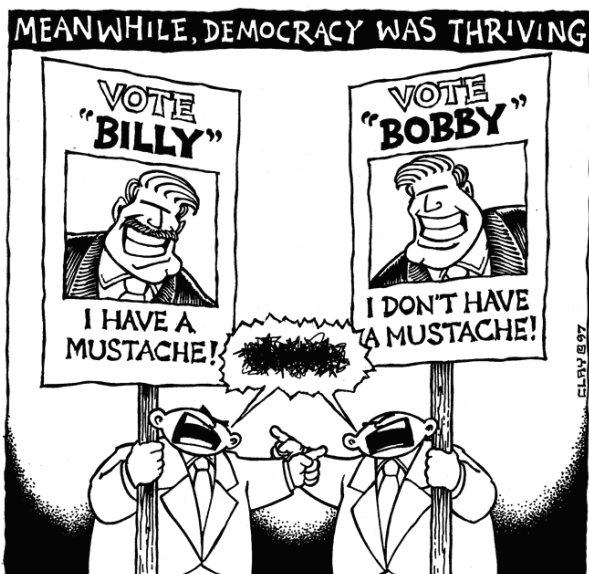
Grabbing that gossip for you!

MILLFIELDS GOES GREEN AGAIN!



It has been an eventful two days at Millfields as class closures have interfered with campaigning but nothing could get in the way of the children of Millfields and the democratic process.

At approximately 9:45am today, headteacher Jane Betsworth proudly proclaimed the leader of Team Green Machine, Ayla Yamac, as the newly elected prime minister of Millfields. More inside.



INSIDE:

Exclusive coverage of Thursday's husting speeches.

The latest on the announcement assembly

Plus all the latest gossip.....

Hustings From Home

In an unexpected turn of events, the eagerly anticipated democracy week hustings speeches were held online over Zoom on Thursday, with many of our candidates joining from home. Yet again, we were treated to another brilliant democracy week here at Millfields.

Plans for the speeches were changed at the last minute, and it could have gone terribly wrong - from technology freezing to unexpected interruptions - but thankfully it all went well on the day as the children and adults are well used to the technology now. As everyone prepared their speeches, the excellent Emma introduced each and every candidate to the whole school.

The hustings started with Ayla from Team Green Machine who spoke well with confidence and gave us a great beginning. Ayla expressed her concern on the environment and said that she would introduce more opportunities to learn about nature outdoors and try to include more vegan food options and reduce food waste.

Next it was the turn of Shan'Tay from Purple Vibes. She talked about how she wanted to stop bullying and be more inclusive. She also spoke of making lessons more fun, in particular including more creative arts, and she was quite keen to help the environment. Her speech seemed quite practiced and she was fairly confident.

Following that, Dash, the leader of the Red Roots of Change, spoke about different outdoor activities to make lessons more enjoyable for the children. He also spoke about having plants in the classrooms. His main concern was the school cuts and how we could fundraise for them. He wants to see a themed fundraiser every month. Dash had a very positive tone during his speech.

Written by Alisha, Malaikah & Vivien



After this, Jasmine from the Orange Overlords, spoke with a friendly smile. She voiced her concerns about the environment and she wants people from year 3 and upwards to do a daily litter pick. Jasmine expressed that she would like the dinners to have more of a variety as many people might not like them. Jasmine had a very well put together speech.

Lastly, Zhane from the Brilliant Blues, had some technical issues with her microphone but that did not stop her. Sheyenne was on hand to read her speech on her behalf. She expressed her worry about the homelessness in our community and world. She wanted to address the excessive use of plastic everywhere too. Zhane wanted to also change the school dinners so many people could enjoy them; this would lead to less food waste. Although we didn't get to hear her voice, her speech sounded very professional.

Following the speeches every child and adult in the Millfields community was given the opportunity to vote. Even those at home were part of the action as they were invited to complete an e-vote. The wonders of technology eh!

AND THE VOTES ARE IN

The school was practically buzzing with anticipation to learn who the new prime minister of Millfields would be. The whole school came together virtually again as they gathered around their webcams to hear this year's election results. There were nerves all round as the suspense and excitement built.

Not only were all classes in school present, many children who were at home isolating zoomed in to hear the announcement too. Special guests present also included our former prime minister, Zuhair Essak, all of this year's candidates, and our headteacher Jane too.

To start off the assembly, Zuhair performed a speech about the many things he has learnt and experienced throughout these trying times and being prime minister. Everyone was on the edge of their seats, when Jane started to thank everyone who was involved with setting up democracy week in this hard time of our lives; of which include, Emma and all the advisors.

Children and adults gathered around their devices as Jane read the results. After cheers and drum rolls, Jane finally revealed the numbers. She announced that 55 votes were handed in virtually in a Millfields first, and 4 of those were candidates themselves who were isolating at home. But, out of a total of the 577 votes, it was Ayla and Team Green Machine who pulled through in a tight squeeze.

Cheers flooded the school for Ayla and Remi's hard work. Ayla then performed a speech about the many things she expects and hopes to do in her time being prime minister. She also expressed that she was very excited for the future.

Written by Vivien





Two teachers, who shall remain nameless, were overheard discussing the potential winner **BEFORE** the official results were announced! Tut tut!

Word on the street is that one particular party has been winning for the past few years. Hmmm!

Rumour has it that some children attempted to vote more than once by voting in person **AND** electronically.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESS TEAM....



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