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Democracy Days

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Heroes at the Hustings!

Maybe the politicians in Westminster need to take a look at how we are running things in Millfields! The whole school was buzzing with excitement: banners being waved, rosettes proudly worn and loud cheering during the march around Clapton to support the five parties. During the hustings, the candidates did themselves and their parties proud. The word on the street is that it's going to be very close; it could come down to a single vote— a reminder that every vote counts!



Drawn by Matilda

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The March: The Hustings

Before the March, everyone was incredibly excited. The party members, from across the school community, came with lots of amazing banners and rosettes! During the march, cars were honking their horns and local people were cheering us—it was incredible! After were the hustings; we had great speeches from all candidates! Now all these parties had brilliant ideas that impressed us all. They all spoke very well with persuasive arguments and well thought out ideas. There is no doubt that it will be very difficult to choose!

By Diarmuid & Talhah



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Unpicking the Parties: What are they really saying?



“If you do not tell the truth about yourself you cannot tell it about other people.”

— Virginia Woolf

We’ve all seen teasers, promises and pacts, but have you ever explored the cracks in the facade?

Let’s begin with the Red Rights, who seem to have a well structured plan for the future. Don’t get me wrong, they’ve got a bucketload of bright schemes, schemes that in my opinion have potential to rise to glory, but like everyone they also have down sides. First of all, they say that children should bring their own stationery. Now, in our opinion, this idea is a bit ridiculous; it’s very niche, doesn’t bring huge benefits and even though it saves money for the school, low income families might not like the idea of spending money on something that is already provided. The Reds also have a plan for a quiet zone; recent attempts have failed but in principle, it’s a great idea—hopefully it can succeed! There are more things that we don’t have time to mention, but all in all, a great manifesto that - with some polishing - is election winning material.

Now onto the Blue Justice party, another favourite to win along with the Reds. The name and propaganda of the party are quite cool but let’s see if the manifesto is of matching quality. One of their ideas is to introduce a voting system for school lunches but I think this is quite unnecessary since the lunches are already good and this a lot to deal with for the cooking staff who, even without this, have a lot to deal with making lunches for 700 kids. Pleasingly, however, they want to improve the standard of golden time, something all the children in school will appreciate. To conclude, for Blue Justice, I give credit for strictly sticking to the kindness and inclusion theme. This party is another good competitor alongside Red Rights.

Now it’s the Triumphant Triangles turn, again another strong competitor to unpick. As always, there are good ideas in their pitch but also some irregularities. They want to petition the school management to raise the monkey bars. However, this doesn’t only restrict younger years to use this (they enjoy it more than older years, some who are about to leave the school), but is a nuisance to school management who could be working on other things more important than this. Interestingly though, they have proposed ‘shorter lessons’ to help students catch up with lost curriculum due to Covid—a really intriguing idea which is part of a very promising campaign.

Now onto the Persuasive Purples - we can’t highlight small things as there are too many to call out, so we will rate the manifesto as a whole. They haven’t been amazingly creative with their ideas, sharing elements with various other parties. However, their community projects are really interesting - I would say this party has a lot of potential and have demonstrated that they understand the needs of pupils in the school.

Finally, it’s Universal Green: a very organised manifesto, I must say, simple and slick. Like some others, it’s got some absolute must-hear content and then some basic aims that really don’t stun. Then a mix of both which turns out well. To start off, some of their plans are already being taken care of by the school, like maintenance of equipment, and don’t need the Greens in power to be executed. However, I do have to give credit to Universal Greens for their idea about lockers for year 5 and 6.

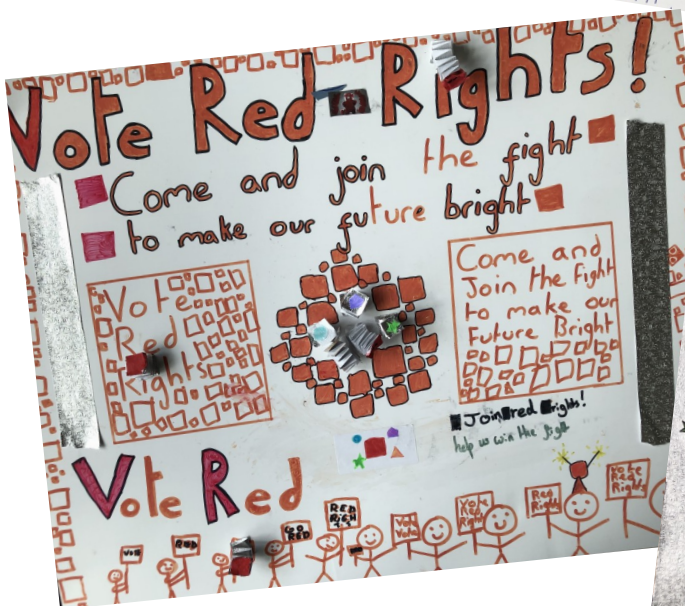
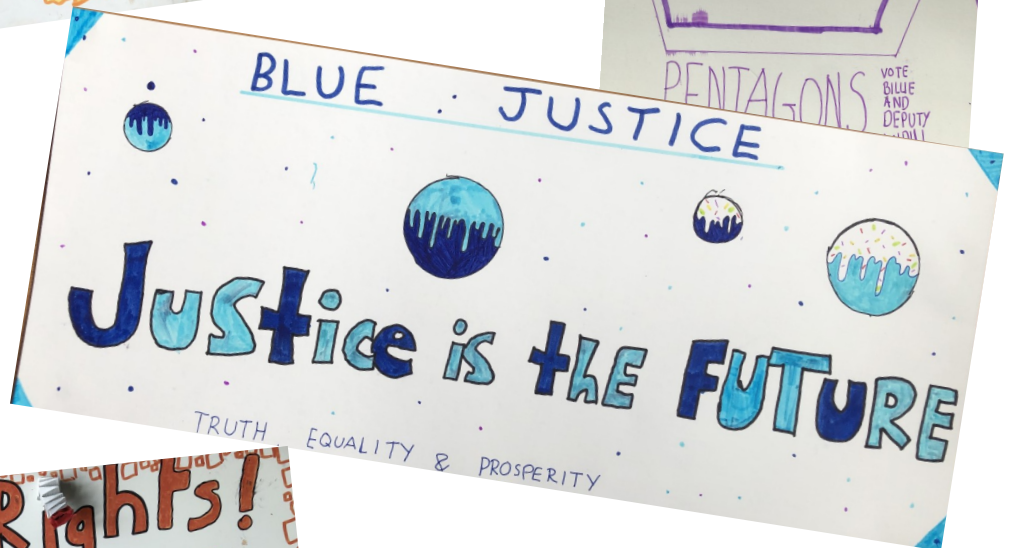
We’ve read the manifesto’s, heard their responses at the press conference and enjoyed the parties debating at the hustings. This afternoon, the school community will have its say!

by Victor & Gabriel

Poster Power!

Posters have long been a vital tool for political parties to get their message across in a quick and effective fashion, successfully persuading people to vote for them! Here at Millfields, we have spent a lot of time and trouble designing and making eye catching designs that effectively tell the message of our parties.

Here are some:



Boris Johnson: What's going on?!

An exclusive insider on the situation in parliament right now!

We all know our PM Boris is quite divisive, but how bad is the situation that he is in right now? Let me give you the inside scoop of what exactly is going on....



Today, at 12:30 PM GMT, Boris Johnson announced that he intends to resign as head of the Conservative Party, and as Prime minister; he intends to stay in position until a successor is found. Frankly, he has had to leave his party as he would struggle to maintain power with the amount of people that have left. Read on below.

Since Tuesday, more than 50 people have resigned from their political jobs in the conservative party and our PM has now resigned from their party himself. Boris Johnson has been in trouble before for spending £90,000 on his family flat at Downing Street, having parties during lockdown and at the same time giving orders for us to not interact. Some call Boris' actions arrogant and selfish. Yet others still see hope in this Prime Minister. The public have said they want Boris out along with a few of his colleagues and even his own 'friends'. Prices rising across the country made people write letters, emails and speak to Johnson in person.

On the other hand, a lot of people also believe that he led us through Brexit, helped with the Ukrainian war and helped stop the spread of Covid by testing vaccines, recommending which tests to use and what vaccines to take. Many people have mixed feelings about him, but which feelings will come out on top?

On Wednesday, the old Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, stood up in Parliament to say that "treading the tightrope between loyalty and integrity" has become increasingly difficult. In other words, Sajid Javid believes that his loyalty to Boris is no more. Integrity has won over, even though they were very close.

What are his options now? He has offered his resignation but still hopes to remain PM until a successor can be found, probably some time in October. There is no doubt that Mr Johnson has a very tricky few days ahead of him - filling several dozen roles that are now sitting empty thanks to resignations. At this point, there may be too many resignations for him to continue until Autumn.

What do you think should be done about this issue? Share your thoughts with the us!

By Jacob

Question of the Day



Wednesday's question was 'Who was the longest serving Prime Minister?'

The answer is: Sir Robert Walpole

Thursday's question is:

Which newspaper/magazine did Boris Johnson edit?

- A) The Daily Telegraph
- B) The Spectator
- C) The Daily Mail
- D) The Evening Standard
- E) GQ Magazine

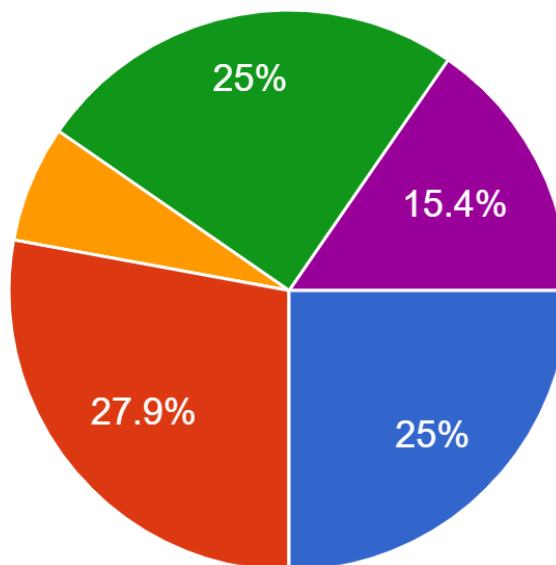
The Latest Polls!

What do the exit polls reveal!

An important aspect of polling is getting the opinions of people just after a hustings or debate amongst the candidates. This is because the message of the parties is still fresh in the voters minds. It is important to remember that whilst these types of polls have in the past proved to be misleading, they certainly can give a strong indication as to the mood of the voting public!

Which party made the best speech at the hustings today?

104 responses



- Blue Justice
- Red Rights
- Triumphant Triangles
- Persuasive Purple Pentagons
- Universal Green

Sports @ Millfields : Orienteering!



At Millfields, we are lucky enough to be able to do many different sports such as: badminton, cycling, cricket, football and many others. This year, the school has entered an orienteering competition.

Every Wednesday, for 5 weeks, the school team goes out to a different area each time including: Haggerston, London Fields, Clissold, Springfield and Wick Woodland.

Everyone gets a dipper - a device that times your speed - and when you reach your spot, you place the dipper in the hole and wait until it beeps. You are given a map (of the park or field you are in) and you have to find your way to the specific places you are in.

This week is the last and we are going to be paired in Wick Woodland. Hope the best for us!

By Jasmin and Alice