

South Stanley Infant School Council



Project Play!

Over the Autumn term the hard working members of our School Council asked their school friends a very important question:

How can we make our playgrounds even better?

Our Year 1 and 2 children currently have a trim trail and picnic benches, as well as a range of wheeled vehicles and other playground toys to enjoy, but our staff noticed that our children needed more to stimulate and challenge them, that we needed to provide more opportunities for more creative play.

That is where our School Council stepped in!

Having asked their classmates to offer suggestions, they then held several meetings to come up with a shortlist of the things they would really like to see in their playground. There were many great ideas, although sadly the outdoor swimming pool didn't make the final cut!

After much discussion the final wish list included monkey bars, slides, tunnels, dens, climbing equipment and instruments.

This is where the teachers got involved...

A significant amount of money has been put to one side to complete our Key Stage 1 project, and several companies have visited us over the last half term to design playgrounds that include as many of the features our children wanted as possible. We hope to have the final designs (and costs!) in very soon, with an aim to begin building work in the late Spring/early Summer.

What about the Reception and Nursery gardens?

These were far from forgotten by our School Council and we are looking into securing some extra money to fund these projects from a Grant. With that in mind there is already a shortlist of ideas that has been developed by our School Council team ready to put into place in late Summer/early Autumn, if funding becomes available. This would include climbing equipment, a more developed music area and general improvements to planting and the environment to develop 'adventure trails'.

This is a really exciting project, and it is my privilege to work with such enthusiastic children as our School Council members. I look forward to keeping you posted with progress!

Mrs Fagan

