

Young Governor Meeting

Tuesday 6th November 2018

Aims

1. To introduce Jenny from the Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank
2. To talk about a community project – Gomer Infants has chosen the Basics bank for its charity this year
3. To find out what the Basic Bank does
4. To think of ways in which the Young Governors and our school can support

PRESENT AT MEETING

Mrs Woolley

Jenny ?????

Seahorses - Elliot Stables and Mary Martyn

Jellyfish - Amelia Harvey-Gutteridge and Joshua Woodfield

Robins - Finlay Cumber and Millie Mason

Owls - Joseph Field and Seren Hodson-Marriott

Minutes

1. We welcomed Jenny from the Fareham and Gosport Foodbank
2. The children were told that we would be supporting the Basics Bank throughout this school year (until the Summer) and Jenny had come to visit to tell us a bit more about what they do and how we can support them
3. Jenny told us that the Basics bank helps families that cannot buy food for themselves. The bank is open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday for people to visit and collect food and other household items that they cannot afford to buy themselves. She told us that in the last 12 months the Fareham and Gosport Basics bank has helped over 5,000 people and as we approach winter the numbers will go up a lot more. In Gosport alone between January 2018 and 5th November 2018 2,600 people have been helped and 1/3 of those were children. We talked about how

that was over 860 children, nearly 5 times the number of children in our school. Jenny explained that often the Basics bank does not get “treats” for the children like we can have. So these children very rarely get a breakfast cereal like Coco pops, Cheerio’s and Rice Krispies, do not often have full fat (blue lid) milk, and hardly ever get a special treat like sweets, chocolate and biscuits because most people kindly donate only essential items

4. We all agreed that we wanted to help and as much as possible we wanted to do something for those children. Jenny shared some fantastic ideas of what we could do to help which included reverse advent calendars, sweetie collections and even going to the basics bank on a day it is closed to help them stock up the shelves and check the use by dates on the food.

We have agreed to meet up again next week to decide what our first whole school project can be to help the Basics bank – we think it will be a Reverse Advent Calendar.