

School Council Meeting notes 14/11/23

David Powell came into school to show the School Council the video that had been sent back from the school in Nkokoto (the village that Minchinhampton is twinned with) David introduced the video. He and Mr Moss explained that our town is 'twinned' with Nkokoto and we raise money that goes to help children in Nkokoto get educated. Our school council and Mr Moss had made a short video last March that said 'hello' to the children of Nkokoto then we waited for a reply. It finally came 2 weeks ago.

The children watched the video and noted the similarities and differences.

Similarities

The children were also playing football and a game that looked like dodgeball.

They played skipping games

There were cows in the village

There was lots of open space

The children play together games that look like our game - duck, duck, goose

There are lots of outside activities

Both schools have assemblies

We both wear school uniform

They also lineup when the school bell rings

Differences

They lower a flag at the end of the school day and show respect to their National Flag

Some of the games look different to ours

They danced a lot, which is a huge part of their culture

There are often drums, played by children, beating in the background

The buildings look smaller than ours

The ground looks dry and is often bare earth

We then discussed what we do now as the next step.

The School Council discussed that we need to be mindful of differences and respect others by not showing off.

Ideas included:

Show them how we play in the playground.

Show how we learn - ie sitting at desks or tables in the classroom - We'd like to find out how they learn in their classrooms.

How we line up at the end of break and dinner

Show the lunch hall - we wonder what they eat at lunch?

We could teach them some English and we could learn Swahili

Learn some of each others games

Find out about their Special Occasions

We could show them our wet play games and the difference in weather

Next Steps:

Can each class return to their class and ask for 2 games that we can play and film in order to send to Nkokoto. This will also help Minchinhampton Academy by incorporating these in our everyday play.

David to go back and ask how they play their games so we could learn them.

Check filming permission of school councillors and David will make a short film at the Singing Assembly next Tuesday of councillors thanking Nkokoto school for their videos and letting them know we will soon send our own films back.

School Council to run an assembly to inform the rest of the school of the latest video and what we are trying to achieve