



Article about SKIP

Delegates from the 17 schools that form the 'Southerly Point' Co-operative Education Trust met at Wendron C of E VA Primary School at the end of last month, for the half-termly meeting of the largest Co-operative School Council in Europe.

Named SKIP (meaning 'School Kids in Partnership'), the Co-operative Council is the forum for giving pupils' a voice and empowering them by having the ability to make and influence decisions. In total, it represents around 3000 pupils of different ages, exploring ways in which pupils can work together to make a meaningful contribution to the future of their education, school environment and community surroundings.

The projects currently being developed are:

- Organising a summer fête
- Working with the Town Council and the museum to find ways in which schools can commemorate the First World War centenary
- Designing and circulating a survey to every pupil, from which a report will be produced
- Running small-scale events for fundraising and raising awareness for a variety of causes
- Aiding the schools in ensuring a smooth transition process for Year 6 pupils, possibly through a 'buddy' system between Year 6 and Year 7 pupils

Other suggestions include:

- A co-operative sports day
- Co-operative Prefect training between Helston Community College and Mullion School

"We want to make 'pupil voice' open to as many children and young people in the Trust as possible. So far, the attitude of Co-operative Council members has been excellent. It is a true honour to have been re-elected as Chairman and I look forward to seeing what can be achieved throughout the course of this year. There now seems to be a strong link between SKIP and the Heads' Group, and a number of projects have now been approved allowing for a clearer focus, which will enable us to establish plans of action. However; now cannot be the time for complacency. Through hard work and sustained commitment, 2014 could be a very special year indeed for 'pupil voice'. I would like to thank all of the head teachers for their on-going support, especially Mrs Quinney, Dr McGovern and Mr Dye, as well as the staff who have helped the Council to progress in its work."

- **FRAZER DELVES, CHAIR**

"Over the coming weeks, students from Helston College will be creating a promotional video on 'SKIP', aiming to capture the true qualities of the council, in particular the 'pupil voice' giving a solid explanation of what we are really about. Currently we are planning for the future; coming up with a series of projects in which all students from the seventeen schools in 'SKIP' may participate."

- **BLAKE BROWN, PUBLICITY OFFICER**

Helston Community College has 4 SKIP representatives- these are:

Steven Lewis- Year 8 (Secretary)
Anna Broome- Year 10
Blake Brown- Year 10 (Publicity Officer)
Frazer Delves- Post 16 (Chair of SKIP)