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my
story



Hi my name is Gerson and I go to Ranelagh. I've been in Pupil Parliament for two years. I was voted in in 2021 when I was in Year 5. A class vote was held for the School Council and I was lucky enough to gain the most votes. As part of being a school council member, I was voted to represent Ranelagh in Pupil Parliament. I was fortunate to be elected Deputy Chair and this year I have been privileged to take up the role Chairperson to lead the pupil parliament Meetings. Pulp parliament was set up so that the voices of the children in all the schools in the Trust can be heard.

Chairing my first was difficult as I hadn't learned people's names and I wasn't a confident speaker. Hosting meetings over google meet gave me confidence and planning the agenda, with Mrs Afshan coaching me through, made me feel in control. This year Pupil Parliament have met in person and this has really helped to make friends with the children. It is also so much easier to have better discussions when you are in person. All of us have voted and agreed upon the things that we need to work on. This year it is:

Raising money for charities and our elected charity – Monkey World-. This is a charity that supports apes who have been neglected or abused.

We have deepened our understanding of what Parliament is – we visited the Houses of parliament and we are hoping to be granted an audience with MP Steven Timms.

One huge thing we are trying to do is to make sure all the schools with the trust are sustainable – saving energy and recycling. Every school are trying to save electricity by switching off the lights when no one is in the class, turning off whiteboards and unplugging the laptop trolley when they are fully charged. Every little change can help save this planet!

I hope this continues into next year. I will be leaving my post as Chair and Zara from Kensington will be taking over the post. I feel really happy about all the things I have achieved with Pupil Parliament. My confidence at public speaking has improved dramatically. I have spoken to a whole room of Trustees many times and it gets easier each time. TLLT Pupil Parliament is important to all schools, it makes sure that children's voices are heard.

Listening to other school's ideas inspires us to do better things for our schools in the trust and in our community.

Gerson

Pupil Parliament Chair