

St. Columba's Catholic Primary School



Holding hands with Jesus, as we love, learn and grow together.

Life Skills and Democracy Day

"There's no such thing as a vote that doesn't matter."

Barrack Obama

As a launch to our new Life Skills classes this term, we are introducing our first Democracy Day. Each half term we will be holding a Democracy Day to promote democratic values and develop children's understanding of the electoral system in Britain. Each half term, the children will vote for something school related. Possible options are:

- > What to do on party day
- What to spend a set amount of money on (books, equipment etc.)
- > How to celebrate St. Columba's Day
- > What to introduce into the curriculum

The school council will support throughout the morning and all children, families and staff will be invited to vote. A Polling Station will be set up in the school hall on Friday, 13th December 2019 and will be open for parents and families from 8:50-9:15. Votes will be counted and announced during a whole school assembly and on the Headteacher blog the same day.

For the rest of the day, children will complete their Life Skills lesson based on democracy. The whole school overview is -

Foundation Stage - Making a choice - selecting their favourite areas in the classroom

- Year 1 Who runs our country? Focus on Prime Minster and their party
- Year 2 Who's who? Introduce children to all parties
- Year 3 Assertiveness Develop onto whole Parliament introducing Speaker
- Year 4 Introduce structured debate
- Year 5 MPs, local MP's. Constituencies and seats in Parliament
- Year 6 Create manifesto and present to an audience

Please show your support and come along and vote. The vote this half term is to decide on what the children will do on Party Day! (Please see the 4 options below).



