

ACORN HOUSE CHILDREN'S MEETING

MINUTES

14th & 16th January 2019

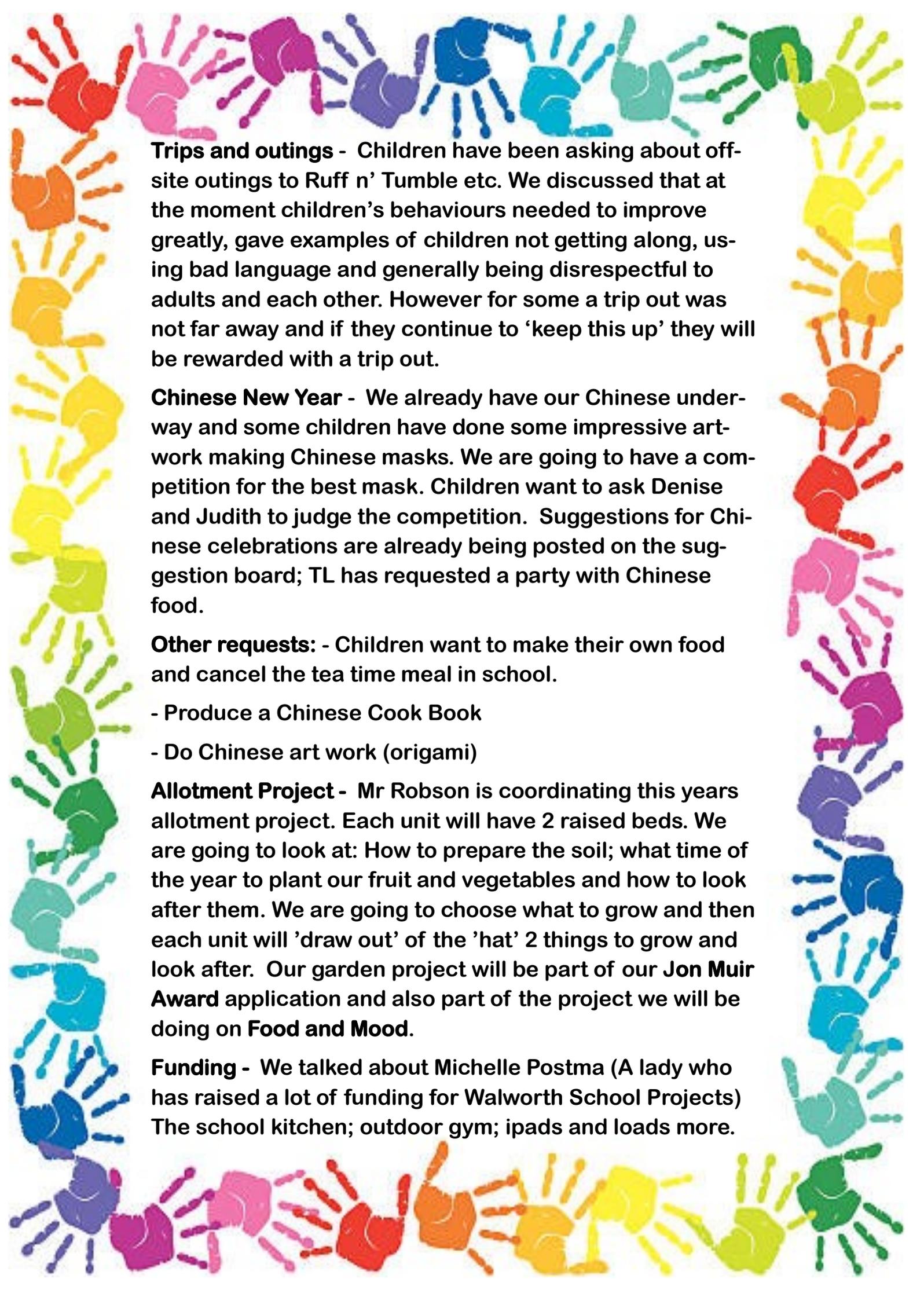
Welcome - Welcomed children to their first House Meeting of the New Year.

Overview of the Fire Drill - All children contributed to what they need to do if the fire alarm sounds. LM enquired of collecting his belongings and others were unanimous in saying he must leave them behind. (well done!)

Protocols of Behaviour - We all discussed as a group expected behaviours from everyone during meetings and at all times: respect toward each other—listening respectfully to the contribution of others - being considerate and courteous toward on another - respecting the 'meeting' environment (listening quietly)

School Council feedback - The School Council was held on Monday 14th January. Three children were Council representatives and gave others an overview of discussion.

- **Ducks**; this year children chose to have ducks in March rather than chickens. We will be doing a little project before they arrive to ensure we know how to look after our ducklings once they have hatched. The ducks can be viewed and monitored by the whole school through a web-cam. We think the ducks might be kept in the library this year for safety (we need to see Miss Joanne)
- **Outdoor activities** - The whole school will be doing outdoor activities to gain fresh air and to exercise more. This will support everyone's Health and Wellbeing.
- **Food and Mood** - Food is also important to us to stay fit and well, the whole school will be doing activities to show how food affects our Health and Wellbeing.



Trips and outings - Children have been asking about off-site outings to Ruff n' Tumble etc. We discussed that at the moment children's behaviours needed to improve greatly, gave examples of children not getting along, using bad language and generally being disrespectful to adults and each other. However for some a trip out was not far away and if they continue to 'keep this up' they will be rewarded with a trip out.

Chinese New Year - We already have our Chinese underway and some children have done some impressive artwork making Chinese masks. We are going to have a competition for the best mask. Children want to ask Denise and Judith to judge the competition. Suggestions for Chinese celebrations are already being posted on the suggestion board; TL has requested a party with Chinese food.

Other requests: - Children want to make their own food and cancel the tea time meal in school.

- Produce a Chinese Cook Book
- Do Chinese art work (origami)

Allotment Project - Mr Robson is coordinating this years allotment project. Each unit will have 2 raised beds. We are going to look at: How to prepare the soil; what time of the year to plant our fruit and vegetables and how to look after them. We are going to choose what to grow and then each unit will 'draw out' of the 'hat' 2 things to grow and look after. Our garden project will be part of our **Jon Muir Award** application and also part of the project we will be doing on **Food and Mood**.

Funding - We talked about Michelle Postma (A lady who has raised a lot of funding for Walworth School Projects) The school kitchen; outdoor gym; ipads and loads more.



Funding continued- Michelle has made a substantial grant application which will support us to develop our garden project further. Proposals made are to purchase a greenhouse; Equip with fitments; extend garden equipment such as polly tunnels and water hose. The full application is added to the meeting minutes.

- We can research and grow healthy greenhouse foods such as lettuce, cucumber and tomatoes.

Any Other business:

- Rhiyer requested we grow water cress - All children who want to be involved can grow cress on the windowsills. Rhiyer can research what equipment we need and what we need to do to look after the cress.

- Rhiyer also said she felt the school park equipment was boring. All children were given information of how to put their requests on the suggestion tree. Children informed this does not mean their suggestion will be acted upon straight away however it can be prioritised among other things.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO THINK ABOUT

- Big Bird Watch (All January) Better get started
- Valentines Day (14th February)