

## SEP Student Council End of year Reviews 2022

Following a successful year on the Student Council, our members took the time to review their various roles and responsibilities and the fantastic work they were involved with over the past few months.

Upon winning their elections in Term 1, the Student Council have been meeting regularly to share the thoughts and ideas of all the pupils in the school. From designing and creating a wonderful Wellbeing Room for all pupils in SEP to raising money for 3 different charities (St Vincent De Paul, GOAL & Pieta House, organising Intercultural Day, establishing the first Lego Club in our school, supporting teachers and students with big school events such as World Book Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Sports Day, collecting foreign language books for our class libraries and of course liaising with our principal on matters of importance, the 2022 Student Council have been busy!

Well done to each and every member for their interest in helping to develop our school and making it an even better place for all the children who attend!

Our Council were wonderful in offering each child in SEP a platform for their voices to be heard and for listening to their interests and suggestions help to make our school a happy place to be!

To mark the end of such an exciting year on the council, they celebrate in sharing the wonderful accolade of being awarded with the first Amber Flag for our school!

We thank you for all your hard work.

Mrs Gaffney.

Some of the questions the SC were asked to reflect on were:

1. What did you enjoy about being a member of the SEP Student Council?
2. What are some of the tips you would give to those interested in going for election for the Student Council next year?
3. Tell us about some of the events you were involved with this year and what your favourite one was and why.
4. What was your highlight of the year being a member of the Student Council?
5. Why would you recommend becoming a member of the Student Council to others?



## Joe Cribben – 6<sup>th</sup> Class

### Position on SC: **Chairperson**

1. What did you enjoy about being a member of the SEP student council? I enjoyed helping people and making people smile around the school and coming up with new ideas that could be here years after I've left.
2. What are some tips you would give to those interested in going for election for the Student Council next year? *Tips I would give would be always stay confident, try not to stutter or make any mistakes and keep practicing your speech. Practice it so much that you nearly know it off by heart.*
3. Tell us about some of the events you were involved with this year and what your favourite one was and why? *There have been lots of events this year that I have been involved with this year. My favourite event was International Day because we got to see where people were from and what their culture is like.*
4. What was your favourite highlight of the year and why? *I enjoyed helping to set up the Lego club because I have heard that lots of people are enjoying it and having a great time.*
5. Why would you recommend becoming a member of the Student Council to others? *I would recommend becoming a member of the Student Council because you get to make things that could be here long after you are gone, and also it is an experience that you will remember forever.*

## Liam Lynch – 6<sup>th</sup> Class

### Position on student council: **Treasurer**

- 1: I enjoyed organising events and helping the school out in as many ways as possible
- 2 : For anyone who is running for student council I recommend telling your class what you plan on doing for the school how you will try your very best to listen to everyone's ideas and to sound confident people will trust you more if you sound confident and like you know exactly what your doing
- 3: I was involved in the Pieta house charity in school the goal charity the Lego club and the Christmas hampers and my favourite was the Christmas hampers because I loved wrapping them and thinking of how happy the people that got it were going to feel
- 4: My highlight of the year being in the student council were the Christmas hampers and the goal jersey day
- 5: I would recommend being part of the student council because it's great for coming up with new ideas and trying to make others and your ideas happen.



## Ciara Thornton - 6<sup>th</sup> Class

### Position: **Secretary**

1. I enjoyed helping out around the school and trying to make the school a better place.
2. My tips would be to be confident and have some ideas ready to try and make SEP a better place.
3. Some events we did was Goal fundraiser, Pieta House/Amber Flag and the wellbeing room and loads more. My favourite one was the wellbeing room because it helps children every day and it is a lovely place.
4. My highlight was getting time off school to do stuff such as international day and getting hot chocolate and crisps.
5. I would recommend it because it is fun and helps the school.

## Larien Kawiorska – 4<sup>th</sup> Class

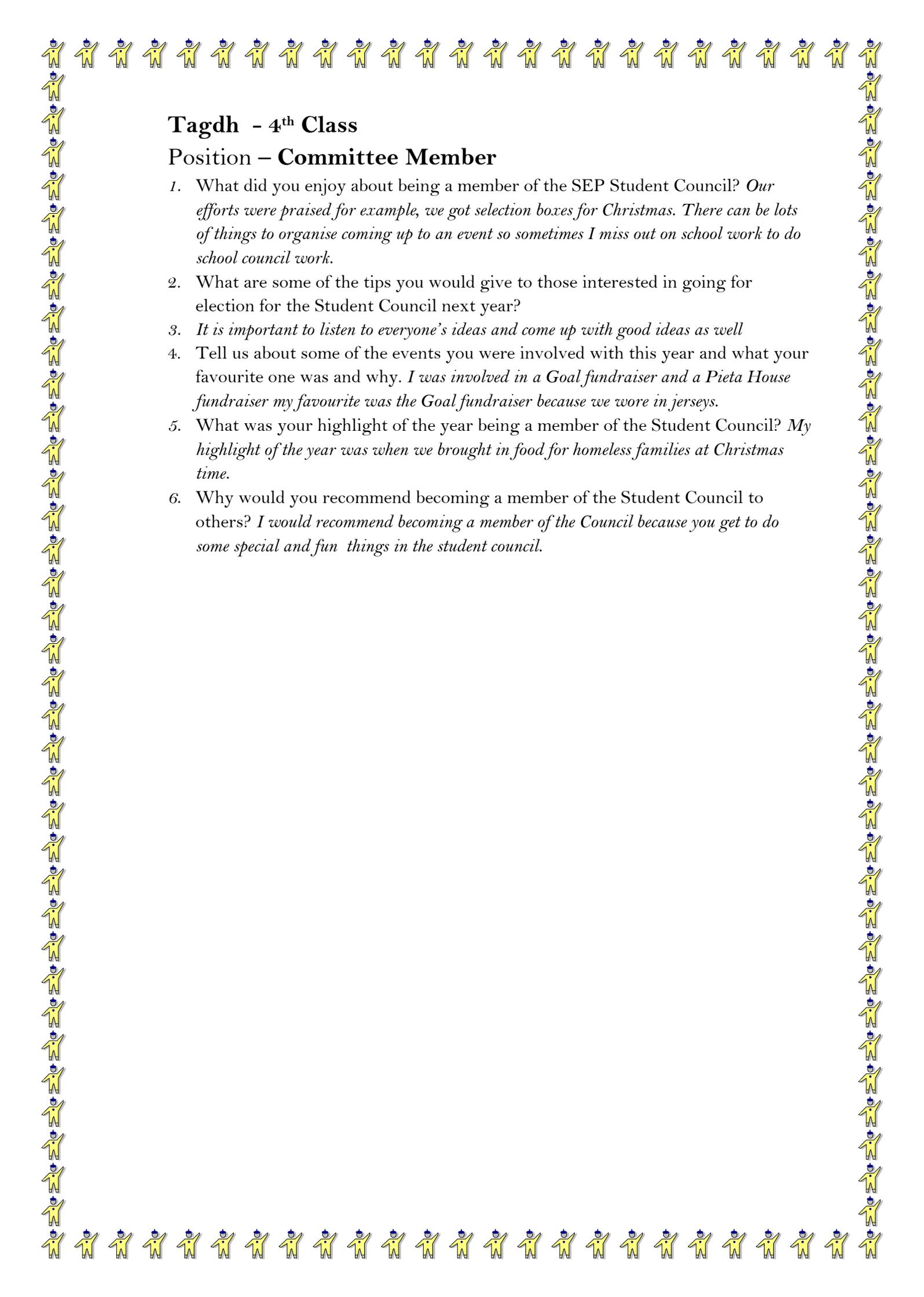
### Position on SC; **Committee Member**

1. What did you enjoy about being a member of the SEP Student Council? *I enjoyed helping out and organizing activities for the school*
2. What are some of the tips you would give to those interested in going for election for the Student Council next year? *Do your best on the speech*
3. Tell us about some of the events you were involved with this year and what your favourite one was and why. *This year we collected money for Goal and had to wear green clothes, we also collected money for Pieta House and we organised food hampers for the needy people. International Culture Day was also a fun day to organise and help out with.*
4. What was your highlight of the year being a member of the Student Council? *My highlight of the year was organising events and helping the school to be a better place.*
5. Why would you recommend becoming a member of the Student Council to others? *I would recommend the student council to others because you get to learn more about the running of the school and get to see things you wouldn't otherwise.*

## Simon Smyth – 5<sup>th</sup> Class

### Position – **PRO Officer**

- I enjoyed meeting to discuss our ideas, share the ideas of the children from the classes and see lots of these ideas come to life in SEP.
- I really enjoyed designing and setting up the Wellbeing Room for our school.
- It was great to have an idea of no written homework on Wednesdays actually happen!
- Raising money for different charities was brilliant.
- I realised that not all ideas we discussed can develop in one year!
- I feel that being on the Council is a privilege as it helps everyone in the school
- I really enjoyed visiting other classrooms to share news and deliver messages.



## Tagdh - 4<sup>th</sup> Class

### Position – Committee Member

1. What did you enjoy about being a member of the SEP Student Council? *Our efforts were praised for example, we got selection boxes for Christmas. There can be lots of things to organise coming up to an event so sometimes I miss out on school work to do school council work.*
2. What are some of the tips you would give to those interested in going for election for the Student Council next year?
3. *It is important to listen to everyone's ideas and come up with good ideas as well*
4. Tell us about some of the events you were involved with this year and what your favourite one was and why. *I was involved in a Goal fundraiser and a Pieta House fundraiser my favourite was the Goal fundraiser because we wore in jerseys.*
5. What was your highlight of the year being a member of the Student Council? *My highlight of the year was when we brought in food for homeless families at Christmas time.*
6. Why would you recommend becoming a member of the Student Council to others? *I would recommend becoming a member of the Council because you get to do some special and fun things in the student council.*