



Happening in Courthouse Green.

Our school was used as a polling station last week and I am sure that many of you will have seen the signs outside.

Adults in Coventry will be voting on several key issues including:

- who becomes your local councillor (they represent the view of the local area e.g. our school is in an area called Longford).
- who becomes the police crime commissioner for Coventry (this person will have lots of say over how police are used in Coventry to keep people safe).

Questions:

- How many candidates are there to choose from in Longford?
- Have you ever heard of the parties that they represent? What do you know about them?
- What is a police crime commissioner?
- What party is David Cameron in?

Candidate's Name	Party
Chantelle Louise COOMBES	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
George Arthur DUGGINS	The Labour Party Candidate
Merle Ross GERING	Green Party
Tarlochan Singh JANDU	The Conservative Party Candidate
Jordan JEFFERIES	Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition

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North Korea is a one party country so if you do not like the decisions the leaders make you can NOT do anything about it.

As British Citizens we are SO lucky because our country is democratic and we are allowed to vote (when you are 18) on who represents our communities. In fact the UK even fought a war (against the Nazis) to ensure we could be democratic and all have a say.

The lucky bit is that if you do not like the rules of a particular leader (for example David Cameron), you could vote to stop that leader being in charge. If enough people agreed with you, then that leader would not be in charge any more. In some undemocratic countries leaders can make unpopular and often cruel rules and there is nothing you can do.

Unfortunately over 40,000 people in our city will not be allowed to vote because they didn't register in time. They therefore won't have had their voices heard in Thursday's elections. Some people think this is really sad because you should be making an effort to shape the country.

Questions:

- What special rights do you have as a British Citizen?
 - At what age do you get these special rights?
- Why is it important that you do vote when you are older?
- Why do people think it is upsetting that 40,000 did not register to vote?
 - What would you say to someone who didn't vote?
- How would you feel if you could not have a say on how things are done?

The CGNN ran an article not so long ago raising the issue of littering. Things have been much better since but we will strive for an environment where there is not a single item of litter in sight.

The CGNN spoke to Eco-Councillor, Mrs Dass, who told us:

“There has been litter on the playground again recently and it is making our school look untidy. Please help us make the school look amazing again by not dropping litter.”

Questions:

- Whose playground is it?
- Have you ever littered?
- Have you ever picked litter up?

