

# Citizenship



## European Union Elections at LGGS

**Year 8 pupils organised an excellent European Union Election on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June.**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of June they took part in a Citizenship day that introduced them to the EU and its politics. The Geography Department teachers gave a fun lesson on the geography of the EU. This was followed by a session on whether we should be members of the EU or not and it also looked at work done by the EU.

After break, the session looked at the role of an MEP and then pupils were introduced to the election role-play. Each form was given 2 political parties to represent at a Press Conference to launch their election manifestos. Pupils either researched their party policies, made posters and rosettes or organised the actual election.

In the afternoon, each group role-played their political party and presented their policies. The rest of Year 8 acted as reporters and some very searching questions were asked. The presentations were repeated at a special assembly for Years 7 -9 on the election day.

Voting took place in the hall at break and

lunchtime.

The results were announced to the School Council representatives the next day.

### Results

<b>Green Party</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Lib Dems</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>UKIP</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Conservatives</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Labour</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Jury Team</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Pro-Democracy</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>NO2EU</b>	<b>3%</b>

Turnout was over 60% - far higher than in the real election. The girls and staff enjoyed the presentations and the experience of voting and we are now well prepared for the next General Election.

Our results were submitted to Hansard, along with those of other schools in the UK. The overall results can be found by following the link below.

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<http://www.mockelections.co.uk/sections/England/Teachers/The%20Result!.asp>

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