

Democracy Assembly.

Special guest is our local MP:
The Right Honourable Sir Mike Penning

South Hill School welcomes our special guest is the Right Honourable Sir Mike Penning. He has been a Conservative MP (Member of Parliament) for Hemel Hempstead since May 2005.



Today, we are going to explore the term **Democracy** and what we understand by it.



Have you heard the term “Democracy” used in our School?



The word democracy, appears in our South Hill Way poster and it is one of our 4R's, where we reflect upon valuing every person equally, we listen carefully to everybody and we are responsible for our learning.



What does the term “Democracy” mean in the wider world and where have you seen it in action?



What is a Democracy is the wider world?

In the United Kingdom we have a political system that is called a **democracy**.

Democracy means 'rule by the people'.



In our Democracy, every citizen has certain **basic rights**.

No one can tell you what you **must think, believe, say or not say**.

Everyone is free to choose their **own religion** and to worship and practice their religion as they want to.

Every individual has the right to enjoy their **own culture**.



However everyone must exercise these rights peacefully, with respect for the law and the rights of others.

In the United Kingdom, we hold an **election** to choose someone to **represent** us.

Most **candidates** who 'stand' for election belong to a political party – a **group of people who share similar beliefs**.

Together, people who belong to the party agree on changes they will make if they are elected. These are called **policies**.

The leaders of the political parties share their main policies with members of the public.



The main Political Parties.



Rishi Sunak
Conservatives



Sir Keir Starmer
Labour



Humza Yousaf
SNP



Ed Davey
Liberal Democrats

How is a Political Party Elected?

Every citizen should listen to the policies of the different parties and candidates. Then they should decide on who to vote for.

People must be 18 or over to take part in an election.

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY	
1	<p>KHAYUM Aul Khayum 79 Fr. Hill Road, Sheffield S5 6HY Labour Party Candidate</p> 
2	<p>MACK Joan Dorothy Mack 134 Lydgate Lane, Crookes, Sheffield S10 4LD Green Party</p> 
3	<p>FROST Iain Frost 301 Burnt Stones Drive, Sheffield S10 6TF Liberal Democrats</p> 
4	<p>HOYES Sean Hoyes 45 Western Road, Sheffield S10 7BN The Conservative Party Candidate</p> 
5	<p>HAYWARD Rita Hayward 78b Woodhead Way, Sheffield S10 2XL UK Independence Party (UKIP)</p> 

Each person votes for the candidate of his or her choice. They do this by putting a 'X' cross beside the person's name on the ballot paper.

At the end of the election day, the votes are added up. The candidate with the highest number of votes (the majority that means the most votes) is the winner.

How might you have seen Democracy in action in our school?



The School Council.

Our School Council members have been voted by in by you. It is pupil-led.

The school council have a voice and deal with significant issues in our school.



Our School Council has a few questions
for Sir Mike Penning MP.

