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## Animation on the agenda

An animated film made by Kent primary school children is being shown to school pupils across the county.

The film *Voices Grow Louder* was premiered at the Kent Primary Schools Children's Council on Monday. The finished DVD about the importance of children being heard will also be shown in assemblies and lessons.

The council is made up of 69 year five children from across Kent. Eleven members of the council made the film, using plasticine animals and stop-motion animation.

Children used the council meeting this week to talk about big issues affecting young people. These included climate change, Say No To Phonebooks and sustainable schools. A group of children also formed a press pack to report on the day and produce a newspaper.

The children's council is run by Kent County Council's extended services and participation teams.

Matthew Gingell, aged nine, from Minster Primary School, was one of the children who took part in the day. He said: "I liked the animation film. I liked the way it was made and how the animals spoke."

Joe Blomfield aged nine from Capel-le-Ferne School said: "It has been fantastic. I liked the debate and watching the film. It was amazing to see the plasticine models move."

KCC deputy cabinet member for Children, Families and Education, Jenny Whittle, said:

"The primary school council is a great way to bring children together and talk about issues that matter to them. It is also a great opportunity to get to grips with democracy and influence the way that the county council and its partners work."

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