Primary School Political Ponderment

Following the recent spat between our Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader in the House of Commons, I decided to ask some of our Y5/Y6 pupils to write down just what they thought of the debacle. Here's a flavour of their views:-

"Should these powerful leaders seriously be arguing about their mothers and clothes? These two should be leading us not bickering." WPA

"David Cameron and Jeremy Corbyn went against some of the British Values: Mutual Respect and Individual Liberty." AG

"I think Jeremy Corbyn was stating a fact and if David Cameron is as great as he keeps telling us and if he is our leader, then he needs to go back to school and learn to take a hit." SR

"There is absolutely no need to comment on people's clothing and lifestyle. Also, it isn't right to bring your parents up in politics." KH

"It is Jeremy Corbyn's own choice what he wears and it's not David Cameron's position to tell him what to wear. If David Cameron still wants to represent this country, he'd better up his game." MS

"There are rather more important things to be talking about than judging each others' appeerances. For example, Britain's position in the EU". ES

"They should be talking about how they're going to solve the strike of the younger doctors." RK

These are simply marvellous judgements, in my opinion. Maybe we should send David Cameron and Jeremy Corbyn a copy of The Stretton Focus; better still send our older pupils down to sort Parliament out. It'll be eight years before these pupils can vote, yet clearly they are ready now!

There is one other response which I must mention. One pupil (FS) wrote:-

"If I were Jeremy Corbyn, this is what I would say: 'If you came here with a cowboy suit on, I wouldn't tease you'".

Now wouldn't that make politics in this country more interesting – compulsory fancy dress outfits to be worn by party leaders! I'm sure our pupils could choose appropriate costumes for them!

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