

ECO SCHOOLS ECO TEAM

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2016 AT 8.30 A.M.

MINUTES

1. Welcome to everybody present
Sophie, Izzie, Alfie, Aaron, Callum, Chloe, Mrs Bowling and Mrs Dodd.
Parents ~ Mrs Taylor, Mrs Armit, Mrs Elmore, Ms Fielden and Mrs Harris

2. UPDATE ~ THIS YEAR

This meeting was held to update the school community of our activities during this school year.

The children told the parents about some of the activities that they remembered taking part in. We informed the parents of our themes for each term and how our activities fitted in. This is now an annual cycle which enables us to follow the set themes and introduce new ideas without having to re-think our plans every year.

Autumn Term ~ Energy

Pledges ~ the children made pledges on pictures of autumn oak leaves and acorns. The pledges were their promises about how they would save energy at home by turning off lights and computers etc. The pledges were hung on the Eco Tree in the Link.

Reading the electricity meter ~ this was done morning and afternoon to keep an eye on our electricity use.

How Low Can You Go? Day ~ This was one day where we used as little electricity as possible, no computers whiteboards etc.

Turning off lights and computers ~ ECO Warriors took on the responsibility of checking that lights and computers were turned off where possible. Callum and Sophie took on the task of turning the library computer off after lunch every day.

Spring Term ~ Waste

Rubbish bins in classes ~ We held an assembly where the children sorted a typical black bag of rubbish. They decided which items were for re-use/recycling and which would go to the recycling bin and landfill bin. We then talked about how little was left in the bin bag and that the cleaners were taking that bag away **every day!** This resulted in five bags per class, per week!! The children decided to have a sign for the cleaners to let them know not to empty it. The children check every day and put the sign on the top when it doesn't need to be emptied. This has worked very well and only **ONE** bag per **WEEK** is now taken from each class.

Waste Models ~ The children also decided to make models from the recycled items that would normally be thrown away. They brought these into school for display and received stickers and a Recycling Hero award on the Eco Tree in the Link.

Textile Collection ~ Our next collection is **Friday 29th April 2016**
The ECO Warriors will distribute the bags after reporting back to the classes about this meeting.

Flower Fairies ~ The planters in the playground are looking fabulous after the sun and rain that we had during the Easter holidays. **Thank you to all those that contributed.** Each child received a sticker and a Flower Fairy with their name on was put on the Eco Tree in the Link.

Tomatoes ~ This is really our summer term project but we needed to get it started before the two weeks holiday. Every child in the school has planted a tomato seed. These will shortly be sent home with each child to care for. We will be keeping a chart of the number of tomatoes harvested by each child. The children would like a prize given for the highest number reached. We will talk about the prize in an Eco meeting and let everybody know.

Summer Term ~ School Grounds

(updated for information but not discussed at the meeting)

We will continue with our tomato project and we will also have tomato plants around the school.

We are taking part in a potato project, growing two kinds of potatoes.

We are also taking part in Sow and Grow which is a project that encourages children to grow their own vegetables.

We will keep everybody updated on all of our projects.

As you can see we are always busy and if you would like to help in any way please contact Mrs Dodd or Mrs Bowling.

7. Date of next meeting

We will let everybody know as soon as another date is agreed.

THANK YOU to everybody that attended.