

## ECO SCHOOLS ACTION TEAM

WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER at 8.45 a.m.

### M I N U T E S

1. Finn started the meeting by explaining who everybody was.

Present were: Mrs Carter (Caretaker), Jennifer, Kayley, Finn, Mrs Songhurst (Yr2 TA), Mrs Bowling (TA), Robin, Ben, Alfie, Ellanna, Mrs Bunn (Parent), Mrs Jordan (SNA), Mrs Dodd (School Secretary) and Ms Lanham (Headteacher)

2. **RECYCLING ~ PHIL THE BAG COLLECTION ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2013**

Mrs Bowling asked Finn to remind the children what ECO means. Finn said "saving energy and save the planet". We discussed the recycling at our school and the children spoke about making compost for the plants and the use of paper that we reuse within the classrooms and office so that we don't waste paper and therefore save the trees and the oxygen. Mrs Bowling reminded the children that we have 'Phil' the Bag coming after half term to collect clothing, shoes, bags and textiles for recycling. The children were asked to consider what happens with what goes into the bags. Ellanna suggested that it goes to people that don't have clothes and Finn thought also to homeless people. The children will talk to their families about bringing in a bag of recycling on 6<sup>th</sup> November for our collection. They were reminded that the condition of the clothes does not matter, even if old and torn to put them in the bag, as anything that cannot be reused will be recycled. Recycled textiles will be chopped up, washed and made into new material or put in cushions or mattresses as filling. The children were asked to think about what the school could be gaining from the collection. The school will be paid for the bags that are collected and the funds will be used to buy plants for our garden, vegetables for our new planters that we received a grant towards and also to buy things that we need for our ECO activities.

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013 we have somebody coming from The Surrey Mirror, the local newspaper, to take photographs of the children and our 'Phil' the bag collection. This will go into the newspaper the following week advertising that people can bring their recycling to us, hopefully helping to raise more money. As this photograph will be taken before our collection staff will bring in their bags early and Mrs Carter suggested that we fill a couple of bags with cushions just for the photo

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**3. Any Other Business**

Thank you to Year 2 for putting out our new litter bin at every playtime following our last meeting on 'Litter'. The children are now using this bin instead of coming into school to dispose of used tissues. The bin has been decorated with pictures and was shown at the meeting.

**4. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 2.45 p.m.**

The meeting will last until the children finish school at 3.15 p.m.

This meeting will be to discuss Switch Off Fortnight - information will be sent home after the half term holiday.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**