

Titchmarsh Church of England Primary School

Eco Action Team

Minutes for meeting on Thursday 10th June 2010

Members present: all members were present at the meeting.

Reports from Eco Team members:

- **Energy:** Ollie and Abigail - are continuing to do readings and to display on the eco noticeboard, with Mrs Gambrell.
- **Lights, computers:** Joseph and Ellis - some teachers have needed reminding about computers and IWB. Well done, boys!
- **Fruit waste:** Millie and Cameron - the new bin is now available to use and located at the end of the grass by the play equipment.
- **Bird feeders:** Daniel and James - Millie and Abi have been doing this! They have found that the yellow feeder is not as popular. Cameron thought it could be due to the location, not the feed.
- **Bird bath:** Victoria and Phoebe - the rain has been doing a good job recently! The girls will check again after the meeting.

Generation Green: Rewards have been arriving. The beautiful strawberry planter is in the playground, and gardening club are taking good care of watering the strawberry plants. We should be able to pick the strawberries next week! Mrs Gambrell provided the team with a list of photos that would gain us more leaves and we will try to find these as soon as possible.

Eco sponsored Fun Run - The team discussed the excellent presentation by the WaterAid speaker and the cheque for £630.50 that the eco team and school had raised for WaterAid by participating in the Fun Run. A wonderful achievement.

The team also looked at the photo in the newspaper.

Eco Market - 7th July: After discussion it was decided that the Eco Market should be in the school playground at 3.30pm, so lots of people would be able to support us. Phoebe said that her Mum would also help with stalls and she suggested we could have an unwanted jewellery stall. Cameron suggested that we could sell the plants from generation green. Other stalls would have an eco theme - nearly new clothes, toy and game

"swap shop", cakes, jams, pickles, fruit, veg and flowers from the school garden, and any surplus plants or produce that families may let us have to sell!

Eco team members will create posters at home and return to school by Tuesday 15th June. These will be located around the school. The eco team will tell the whole school about the Eco Market in assembly and send a letter out to parents, to see who can support us with cakes, clothes, toys, games, plants. Lots for the team to do!

Walk to School Week: 24th - 28th May. This was a great success and even people who live too far away to walk or ride, tried car sharing.

Low Carbon Day - 24th June - teachers will be providing activities with a focus on raising awareness of what creates carbon and why and how we can lower our carbon emissions.

Millie's Competition: photos of wildlife - Millie will provide a little "flyer" to explain to the whole school the objective of the competition. She will give it to Mrs Stopps next week.

Suggestion box: There was a suggestion that we could put together a "walking with nature" book for families. It could include suggestions for family days out and walks in the local area eg. Barnwell Country Park, with directions, website, pictures etc. The team thought this a great idea and will discuss how to go about it at the next meeting.

Any other business: Ollie showed his home made bird feeder to the team and explained how he had made it. Now it needs seed and a place on the school field. Well done, Ollie!

Abigail suggested that everyone should watch Spring watch on TV. as it is a brilliant programme and she really enjoys it.

The idea of purchasing binoculars for the school was discussed and agreed as a good idea, so we can watch the birds without disturbing them.

Mrs Stopps thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for participating enthusiastically in support of eco initiatives.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 1st July