

Titchmarsh Church of England Primary School

Eco Action Team Meeting

Minutes for meeting on Thursday 19th March

Members present: Danny, Madeline, Daniel, Millie, Caitlin, Hollie, Phoebe, Tianna, Mrs Gambrell and Mrs Stopps.

Apologies: none

Visit to the EcoHouse in Leicester, in June 2009.

Mrs Stopps told the team about a proposed trip to The Eco House in Leicester, on 23rd June. It is an old building, that has been made into an environmental "showhome", and it even sells electricity to the National Grid during summer months! Further details to be discussed at our next meeting.

Generation Green - latest achievements! We now have 5,963 leaves and hope to reach our target soon.

- **Recyclool:** - update from Mrs Gambrell. There has been a problem with some of the used ink cartridges collected, because generation green will only accept specific ones. However, it is hoped that a parent has located a "stash" of used mobile phones that need recycling, so we can recycle these and gain more leaves.
- **"Making Snakes"** - is planned for next week. A letter will go out explaining the need for an old sock/pair of tights and how this will help us to earn leaves while saving energy. Danny and Madeline could also talk to the school in assembly.
- **Eco Poster Competition** - to be organised for next week too!

- **Planting seeds** - photos of the Gardening Club and others in school planting and learning about seeds to be sent to *Generation Green*.

Bird Boxes and Feeders - these do not need replenishing yet, but the bird bath needs fresh water. Caitlin, Hollie, Phoebe and Tianna will be doing this after the meeting.

Meter readings: Mrs Gambrell, Daniel and Hollie (energy monitors) will take the March readings on Tuesday 31st March, and display on Eco notice board.

Tap Monitors - The team agreed that they should all be Tap Monitors and check that they are turned off properly.

Bottle tops: The total for February is 7,303, and combined with the January collection, we have now raised over £100 for the Air Ambulance - a fantastic achievement!

Picnic benches - These have now arrived and they are in constant use in the school playground. They have proved very popular with the children at playtimes and have been a great success.

Suggestion Box: There was a suggestion from James Hazell that there could be litter picking on the school premises and the village. The Team thought that we wouldn't need them for the playground as there isn't really any litter, but maybe the village could do with some help.

An anonymous suggestion was that we should grow more bulbs around school and the Gardening Club could be involved with this.

Any other business: Madeline and Millie commented that paper towels were being wasted in classrooms and that children

needed reminding about using them properly. We can recycle some of them but not all of them.

Millie mentioned that Mrs Chappelow takes apple cores to her horses and this is good recycling.

Tianna reminded the Team about a "Making Day" using recycled materials. Mrs Stopps said we could do this in the summer term and in the meantime, the "Snakes" could be our making activity.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 23rd April 2009