

Titchmarsh Church of England Primary School

Eco Action Team Meeting

Minutes for meeting on Thursday 4th March 2010

Members present: all members were present at the meeting.

Mrs Stopps welcomed Dr Albin Wallace, school governor, to the meeting.

Monitor reports from eco action team members:

- Energy - *Ollie and Abigail* will do the February reading with Mrs Gambrell today, and display on the notice board.
- Lights, computers - *Joseph, Ellis* - reported that people are being much better about turning lights off around school, but they are still checking classrooms.
- Fruit waste: *Millie and Cameron* - reported that they cannot take fruit waste to the compost bin because it needs moving before the new building starts. The new compost bin needs slabs underneath it and Nigel will do this on his next visit. Contents of the old bin could be used on the school garden.
- Bird seed - *Daniel and James* - everyday needs replenishing. Birds are very grateful for the feed. Ollie suggested that more feeders could be located around the school field. Abi commented that the sunflower seeds are especially good for bullfinches.
- Bird Bath - *Victoria and Phoebe* - will clean the bird bath out today and replenish with clean water.

Generation Green: Mrs Gambrell reported on our choice of rewards for achieving our goal again, including solar helicopters, trees, seeds and lots more. These will be discussed in a whole school assembly so that everyone can fill in a tick sheet regarding the things they would like us to "purchase" with our "leaf total". Daniel and Ollie will organise the tick sheet/ letter.

Future fundraisers for WaterAid:

- Eco Sponsored Fun Run - 31st March - This event will be publicised in a whole school assembly. It was decided that posters for this event will be made by Phoebe, Ellis, Joseph and Victoria. The sponsor forms will be made by Cameron and Abigail will visit classes to give the forms out. Joseph suggested that there should be medals for the Fun Run and the team agreed this would be a good idea.
- Eco Market - 7th July. This event will be discussed in more detail at future meetings, but Mrs Stopps informed the eco team that a visitor from WaterAid will be visiting school, so we can find out more about where our funds are going and the way in which we can help poorer families in Africa.

Low Carbon Day - 24th June - we are registered. Further details later.

Design and make your own water butt - eco competition!

Posters and water butts have been arriving in school. This competition will continue for the rest of this half term.

Abigail has generously offered to donate a weather station, which we could locate on the school field, for the use of children across the whole school.

Suggestion box: There were no suggestions in the box.

Any other business: Dr Wallace commented on our work to raise funds for WaterAid and commended our concerns for people in the wider world communities. He also thought our Eco Action Team must be leaders in this area, with all that we do as a whole school. He also suggested that the eco team might like to see the Architect's plans for the new hall, so we can see which eco friendly initiatives have been used.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 25th March 2010