

School Council Minutes: 9/11/21

AGENDA: In light of COP26, classes had been asked to think about ways in which we could make our school greener and help with climate change.

Suggestions included:

- Separate bins around the school and at lunch for paper/card, plastic and food
- Plant more vegetables, fruit and trees around the school. This led to a discussion about a gardening club
- Could we raise money or build more bird boxes, hang bird feeder and build insect houses
- Each class should design posters to remind children and adults to turn the lights off, turn the taps off and not waste paper towels. If they were good enough, they could be laminated as they wouldn't have to be replaced then
- We need to think about the charities that we support in Lent – we have done the Quiet Garden Trust and Operation Noah both of which support the development of the environment and/or research into climate change. Could somebody from Operation Noah come and speak to us?
- Try to reward / encourage more children and adults to walk or cycle into school
- Less worksheets because we can write straight onto our pages – sometimes they are just worksheets with lines on!
- Each class should have an area they plant up – possibly a tree after their class name or even just a flower box to encourage insects
- Plant more plants outside the Year 2 area (they like the plant boxes there but would like a quiet area there)
- Every class should have an Eco monitor to check lights, rubbish, taps etc
- Can we take part in a beach or town clean

Each class was also asked to come up with ideas for Children in Need day:

- Make and sell things- run our own fair
- Tag day / Crazy hair day/ dress in something spotty
- Cookie / cake sale
- Colouring competition

Actions:

Mrs Turner is to meet with Mr Dale to discuss ideas for the environment and will feed back to staff and children before Christmas

Because of the short notice for Children in Need, we will stick with Wear something spotty for £1 and cookies for 50p but for the next fund-raising, we will reflect on some of the other ideas

Teachers MUST find time to allow school council to talk to their classes and collect ideas

There will be a meeting next week, to discuss Anti-bullying week and what we can do in school to make it even better. Children also need to think about what works really well in school.