



Eco Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held on Friday 11th June 2021

Attendees: Gabriel, Heidi, Hugo, Izzy, Chimamanda, Dylan and Eimear

Apologies for absence: All present

The meeting commenced with a thank you from Mrs Deasy to all for attending.

Mrs Deasy reported that the first of our gardening competitions had been completed. The Ruxley Manor Best School Planted Container was completed by Year 1 and photos were sent off on the Friday before half term. We await the results.

Two more competitions are imminent. The trug for Bromley Floral Fest will be competed for collection on June 24th and the School garden will be entered into the Kent Life competition for Best School Garden on June 17th. The final summer competition for the school garden will be judged in July by The London Children's Flower Society.

Mrs Deasy then moved on to the issue of recycling in school. As a committee we discussed ways in which to reduce/reuse and recycle.

All mentioned that a lot of paper is thrown away in the general waste bin and should be put into paper recycling. Mrs Deasy said that she would speak with staff members and all Eco members should speak with their class to encourage the correct usage of the bins.

All said that too much plastic was seen in bins around the school. Mrs Deasy mentioned that she was trying to stop the use of plastic cups in the staffroom and will hope to move to a time when single use plastic cups are no longer ordered for the school.

As only paper waste is collected from schools, Eimear and Gabriel will work on a letter to our local MP to encourage him to speak with his council to ensure that plastic recycling is also collected and free of charge.

Izzy/Heidi asked if we could do another litter pick on the school grounds – both were disappointed to see that people still drop litter outside of school which blows onto our school site. Mrs Deasy advised that she had contacted Surfers Against Sewage to ask for another set of bags to assist with this.

Eimear and Izzy both mentioned the food containers currently being used for KS2 school dinners. These are not recycled and seem such a waste. Both asked when they could start using the old school trays as before. Mrs Deasy said that she would speak with the school catering team and Mrs Weeks to address this concern.

Hugo mentioned that he had seen a few of the younger children killing insects during break and lunchtimes. Obviously, this is not acceptable and Mrs Deasy will make sure that teachers and lunchtime staff are aware.

Finally, all asked if peelings from oranges/bananas and the KS1 free fruit scheme could be collected and composted. Mrs Deasy said she'd look into the possibility of this.

The meeting was concluded with thanks to all for their enthusiastic participation.