



## **School Garden Council – now Eco Committee**

### **Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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

#### **Apologies for absence received for Gabriel**

The meeting, held in the KS2 gazebo to comply with social distancing measures, commenced with a welcome back from Mrs Deasy after such a long period away from one another.

Mrs Deasy explained to all present that the Garden Council had now changed its name to that of the Eco Committee and that it now had additional responsibilities for other areas within the school including recycling and redevelopment of green spaces to support the school's membership of its partner organisations, such as the Eco School initiative. All children present were given a new green badge to show that they are now a member of the Eco Committee and to indicate to all pupils that they can be approached to discuss any 'green' issues that they may have.

Mrs Deasy reported that the children in Reception had just won a Gold award from the London Children's Flower Society (LCFS) for their bulb growing. The LCFS judge was very impressed with their display and would be back in the Summer to judge the school garden.

Mrs Deasy confirmed that KS1 would be having their annual potato growing competition and in response to a request from KS2, she would be rolling out a Chilli growing competition for them over the Summer term. In addition, as requested, we would be growing more flowers in and around the school garden this year.

All present were then asked to put forward any ideas that their classes have had for the school garden.

- Izzy mentioned that her class had asked for both a cherry tree and a watermelon tree. Dylan and Hugo quickly responded that although a cherry tree was possible, it was not warm enough for us to grow watermelons. Mrs Deasy confirmed that she would arrange for a cherry tree to be purchased from garden funds.

Mrs Deasy concluded the meeting with thanks and said that this year would be full of competitions and activities for all across the school and as a committee, they would be very busy!