



School Garden Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Friday 26th April 2019

Attendees: Cameron, Lea, Ava, Florence, James, Daniel, Lucy and Francis

The meeting commenced with apologies from Mrs Deasy for the length of time since the last gathering in December. Mrs Deasy thanked the members present for their involvement in the litter picking sessions that had taken place in March in partnership with the School Council. All agreed that they were horrified at the amount of litter that was collected. On that matter Mrs Deasy mentioned that she had been discussing the school's desire to become plastic free and more environmentally conscious with Mrs Weeks and that a number of initiatives were in the 'pipeline' including addressing our reliance upon plastic cups for drinking water. In addition to this, it was reported that although Bromley Council will not collect any other recycling other than paper and cardboard this was not an excuse to throw plastic/glass into general waste. From next week, the staff room will have recycling boxes for their waste and arrangements are in progress for similar to be housed in the kitchen for Breakfast and After School Club and the school kitchen. This waste will then be brought 'home' and included in domestic recycling.

After the success of our application for a grant for the school garden, it was reported that the school would soon be taking delivery of a greenhouse to be sited in the quad area between the cookery room and Year 2. Remaining monies from the grant would be used to complete the gravel pathways in the school garden to allow for easier access during inclement weather.

The council then went on to discuss how we could help to further improve our environment and our impact upon it. Additional litter picks will be arranged for May to include all members of the school and not just members of the School and Garden councils. It was discussed that the Garden council may be renamed as the Environmental council and green pin badges would be sought to reflect this.

Mrs Deasy reported that Mr Jawad had sourced a recycled wooden planter for the quad area to house fresh herbs for use in the school kitchen.

At the end of the meeting, the children were given a leaflet from ASDA to support their campaign to rid the seas and oceans of plastic waste. The children were encouraged to design a poster to be collected at the next meeting proposed for two weeks' time.