



## **Eco Council Minutes for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Attendees:** Mrs Deasy, Maddie (6), Olivia R (3), Lonnie (5), Aiyla (4), Harry (2), Hugo (3), Chloe (1)

**Invited guests:** Noah (6), Chetty (6) and Teddy (6)

**Absences:** David Augustyn, Grace (R)

### **Minutes:**

The meeting started with thanks to all in attendance and continued with a report on matters arising from our previous meeting in December.

- Photocopying – Mrs Deasy showed the children the new photocopiers for the staffroom. She explained that all staff had been asked to consider the number of colour photocopies required and that the copiers had been set to a default of black and white to encourage this.
- Mrs Deasy had spoken with Mrs Weeks regarding the school heating and the feeling that it was set rather high on warm days. Mrs Weeks explained that the thermostats had been set correctly however the hot water pipes that run across the ceilings do give out heat too.
- Mrs Weeks has agreed that posters can be placed in the staffroom to encourage lights to be switched off when the room is not occupied – this is definitely something that is now being adopted in the staff room. Unfortunately, no classrooms have light sensors. Good practice to turn off lights should be adopted by all and hopefully it will become second nature both at school, and at home.
- Mrs Deasy reported that plumbers had been into school this week to fix a number of leaking taps
- Mrs Weeks liked the idea of ‘greening up’ classrooms to improve air quality and the environment – Mrs Deasy will discuss with individual teachers and source plants accordingly.
- An eco-friendly stapler – one not using staples! – has been bought and the school office is currently putting it through its paces in the hope that more can be purchased thus negating the need to purchase staples.

- Mrs Weeks very much liked the idea of litter pickers going home with pupils – Mrs Deasy will speak with the teaching staff to arrange this.
- Books will be provided to all Council members so that they can record their own, and any of their fellow pupils, ideas regarding Eco matters and bring these to future meetings.

Mrs Deasy spoke about a grant application to IKEA. IKEA are encouraging schools to set up sustainability initiatives – a short video with ideas must be submitted and, if successful, IKEA will provide equipment to support the projects going forward. Josh, Chetty and Teddy have been approached to assist as they are active members of the Gardening Club and are the Gardening Representative for their class and have recently attended the London Children's Flower Society presentation at the Guildhall, London. Mrs Deasy will draw together a script and speak with the boys and the council members over the next couple of weeks as applications must be submitted by 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Mrs Deasy concluded the meeting with her thanks. David Augustyn arrived as the meeting concluded. Giving his full encouragement to all, David explained that he will see them later in March as he is away in Poland for the next few weeks.