

Eco meeting 30th of June 09

Present: Miss R, Dr.L, Mrs D

Megan Johnston, Beth Gregor, Jade Brown, Rachael Flynn, Dean Scott, Molly Meikle, Holly Hartley, Billie Lonie, Reece Calder, Liam Carruthers, Dean Scott,

Taylor Lonie, Gavin Stevenson, Jamie Porteous, Mary Balderas, Sarah McBride, Lauren Fitzpatrick

Chair- Beth Gregor

1. Minutes of the last meeting - Accepted.

2. Water Cooler- BG went to see Mr Brown along with HH, We will support Mr B though all this.

People are missing the water. Following Eco Group support for removing the water coolers, this has been implemented throughout the school and we are now going to be getting new mains water points around the school after the summer.

3. Weekly Eco meeting

Tuesday lunch time, Ms Mountford to join after summer, older pupils to attend Miss Mountford's group and younger pupils will continue to work with Miss Robertson.

Seniors are volunteering in Mod Lang department and Miss R is going to get them to take over media for eco group as well.

4. Litter

New bins, the old bins will be dispersed around the school, We will do a bin survey to see where bins are needed most, The environmental garden, the front of the school and bike racks.

Taylor and Lauren suggested trying to get weekly litter pickers like the primary school. Get a rota sorted out for different classes. It could be used as a team building exercise for the new tutor groups (after the holidays). Taylor, Billie, Lauren, Sarah and Mary will plan a way of sorting this out, will speak to Miss Bisset and Mrs Walker to get permission and will feed back to the eco committee at next time.

We should get everything done hopefully but Christmas, If not, Before Dean Leaves.

Mrs D and Miss R Will fill out forms for green flag nearer Christmas.

5. Action points

Liam, Ellie- litter survey on website - see Miss R

Beth Lauren and Jade- see PW about litter policy. Weekly eco meetings

Billie Holly and Molly- litter survey- after holidays at the meeting

6. Golden bin

Megan got tickets from cine-world, Liam Marr in 1st year won the two tickets. Well done Megan for running the competition!

7. Envelope recycling

Dr L. Boxes are getting done but shoe boxes are too small, Use a4 paper box. It is hard to find complete boxes. Encourage teachers to keep the boxes.

Rag bags and battery boxes - Mrs D is sorting both of these out. Been promised new bins by council for battery recycling!

8. Curricular review

Taylor updated group - survey went around to all teachers, Most teachers want eco things to be brought into the their subjects. Eco group got information about what is happening in all subjects and are now going to analyse the results and feedback to group.

Target after the holidays.

Sit down and discuss how we can fit eco things into different subjects.

ICT, geography have plans to do eco things in lessons with S1.

Mr Goodfellow will come to next meeting to tell group about their plans.

9. Kaimes litter summit,

Gavin updated group - Litter wardens, If you walk from the chip shop and back to the school, you can see were people have been walking as the litter is all over the pavements. Posters to go round shops hopefully. Miss R, School logo on the side of bins, bins to go on lasswade road and captains road. It is the council's responsibility to get bins in place near the school

Litter campaign in the school.

It cost £100 for each bin and the council won't pay that if they won't be used.

Poster to go to the Gilmerton shops.

The litter in the grounds is very bad.

The People that use the pitches at night also cause a huge litter problem.

People throw litter into the school grounds via a gap in the space.

Have a separate litter focus group at lunch time to help with recycling and the school grounds?

The only reason we can't get our green flag is LITTER

We need to get a litter action plan

Focus on other areas of the green flag. We focus mainly on Litter and recycling.

Action Point: To come up with a litter action plan at lunchtime group.

10. Diary

Eco week- Liam and Reece, talked about last assembly.

Liam, Dean, Reece and Ellie to take charge of assembly for eco week.

Survey take place during eco week and s1 pick up.

Eco week - week beginning 14th September.

Tuesday 25th August - eco meeting.

Open Evening- Eco, Health and general open evening

Try and get a whole school pick up!

Vertical Litter groups?

Mix each house so people can get to know other people.

Eco lunch time will get litter picker organised

11. RBS Trip

Megan talked about the RBS trip

Get in touch with st Thomas's for fair trade school information.

12. Thanks

Miss R thanked the group for all their work this year and for starting to take on responsibilities for the work being done in the group.