

Date – Friday 8th March 2024

Present – Catherine Hunter, Becky Wood, AG (Dolphins), HH(Fish), (Starfish), DR (Seahorses), DMR (Rays), UR (Jellyfish)

Apologies – RLP (Seals), MG (Turtles) EW (Lobsters) HB (Penguins) KP (Octopus), MB (Whales)

Agenda:

- 1. Discuss and reflect on the Greene King visit with the committee.
- 2. Monitor the progress of the bottle top initiative for Burton Rerun.
- 3. Talk about how we can help launch the Eco-Schools Great Big School Clean.
- 4. Investigate recycling provision at lunchtime in the hall.
- 5. World Water Day on Friday 22nd March 2024.

Minutes:

- 1. The Eco-Committee members all said that they enjoyed the visit to Greene King's Head Office in Burton-on-Trent, back in late February and that it was a successful campaign. Families and staff did an amazing job supporting the campaign and donated one hundred and fifty used plastic confectionary containers which were warmly received by Greene King. Pupils were given the opportunity to meet the facilities team, for waste and recycling for Greene King and were given a tour around their site including the waste and recycling unit. The children enjoyed placing their empty containers into the crate, along with others collected by Greene King employees. Committee members were provided with a wonderful supply of cakes and refreshments before listening to a member of Co-Cre8, who are a recycling company give a talk about recycling and how we can help protect the environment. They also gifted each, committee member with a recycled bottle that they produce. Greene King generously gave each of the members a notebook, pen, and pencil. Greene King were so impressed with our Eco-Committee that they have asked the children to join them in their community litter pick in the summer months and return next year should we continue to support their 'Tubs2Pubs' campaign.
- 2. The Eco-Committee emptied the bottle tops which are still being collected for Burton Re-Run, where we now have a considerable number of tops. Catherine Hunter has been in contact with a member of Burton Re-Run and is in the process of arranging a date for a representative to come and visit Fountain's Eco-Committee during a meeting to

talk about what they do with the bottle tops, with a possibility to turn their lids into something that could raise money for the school or an Eco project.

- 3. From Friday 15th March until 31st March Eco-Schools have launched one a campaign called the 'Great Big School Clean'. Where Eco-Schools are encouraging schools to take part to support their 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign. Statistics show that if every child who attended school in the UK pledged to pick up just one bag of litter during the Great Big School Clean, we could remove 10.3 million bags of litter from our natural environment. Fountain's Primary school have pledged to support the campaign and litter picking will be included during lessons and World Water Day.
- 4. MM visited the dining hall during the Eco meeting to see what provision there is for recycling any food items at lunch times. It was concluded that we could use a plastic waste recycling bin and was decided that Catherine Hunter would investigate the cost to purchase one.
- 5. World Water Day is a whole school event taking place on the 22nd of March 2024. The day highlights the importance of fresh water and is used to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. The Eco-Committee talked about the exciting activities planned for the day at Fountains Primary which include water transportation investigation activities, litter picking, make it rain activity, Severn Trent Super Sewers, and lots of class activities.

Next Meeting - Friday 10th May 2024 at 12.15pm

