



Date – Friday 7th February 2025

Present – Catherine Hunter, Becky Wood, Helen Aqil, AG, BD (Lobsters), DS (Fish), EM, EF (Rays), HP (Penguins) LS (Starfish), HG (Turtles), JH (Whales), AM, KN (Dolphins).

Apologies – IA(Seals), EH (Seahorses), LM (Jellyfish), MS (Starfish), LJ LB (Octopus).

Agenda:

1. Reflection on Recycling Week
2. Reflection on litter pick in the community
3. Up and coming visit to Greene King
4. Sorting Greene King tubs
5. Introduction of EDT Industrial Cadets – Green Garden Project
6. Design a Green Garden
7. Any other business

Minutes:

1. National Recycling Week was successfully launched on Monday 14th October 2024, through videos and posts that had been previously filmed using the campaign's characters and representatives from the Eco-Committee. The videos were launched on the parent's portal 'Reach More Parents' in line with the campaign, every day during Recycling Week. Each of the 'characters' linked to the campaign were used in the videos and pupils highlighted their plea each day. The campaign raised awareness about the various items of recycling that tended to be missed in the blue bins. Eco-Committee representatives also displayed posters in their classrooms and communal areas.
2. Members of the Eco-Committee were asked to help in the local community to undertake a litter pick on Friday 10th January. A high amount of litter and debris had been left in public walkway and surrounding woodland area local to the school. This would not only impact the tidiness and safety of the local environment and community, but also could have a detrimental effect on the wildlife. Eco-committee members worked hard as a team to clear the litter and debris, which made a dramatic improvement visually to the area. Mrs Price sent the photos to the relevant department at the local council informing them of the pupils' hard work, which was gratefully received and their hard work commended. During the meeting, members looked at photos of the litter pick and the changes to the area before and after.

3. During the meeting we discussed the up-and-coming Greene King visit, as part of it is national 'Tubs2Pubs' campaign. Committee members made contributions to the discussion, about how important recycling was and the impact on the environment. Mrs Hunter spoke about how the project, used the shredded the plastic containers and sold them to a plastic manufacturing company who repurposed it, making it into garden furniture. All the proceeds from the sale of the plastic, goes directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.
4. Pupils were asked to sort the donated plastic tubs for the Greene King campaign into specific colours and types ready for the visit to Greene King on Friday 14th February 2025. Eco-Committee members did a fantastic job with their sorting skills and quickly organised all the tubs ready. A post was also released on the reach more parent's portal, informing people of the last chance to send in any of their unwanted empty tubs in preparation for the visit.
5. The Esteem Multi-Academy Trust invited all the academies within the mat to take part in the EDT Industrial Cadet project, to which Fountains Primary agreed to participate in. The challenge is to design a tailored garden, which takes into consideration sustainability, accessibility, and needs. During the Eco-Committee meeting, Eco-Committee members started to think about a design for our garden and what it's purpose would be. With majority of members agreeing that a quiet area to sit would be a beneficial addition to our school grounds. Pupils sketched their ideas and designs during the meeting, ready for the project to be launched in March.
6. No other business.

Actions:

1. To continue to plan criteria for the action plan for this year's application for Eco Schools.
2. To ensure that all committee members are aware of the meetings so that attendance is maximised.

Next Eco-committee meeting: Friday 28/03/2025