

## Eco Committee Meeting



Date - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Present** - Catherine Hunter, Becky Wood, AG (Dolphins), EW (Lobsters)  
MM (Starfish), DMR (Rays), UR (Jellyfish), KP (Octopus), HB (Penguins), HH(Fish).  
**Apologies** - AW (Seals), MB (Whales), DR (Seahorses), MG (Turtles)

### Agenda:

1. Create The School Eco Code
2. Final evaluation of the school action plan
3. Burton Rerun
4. The Wildflower meadow
5. Any other business

### Minutes:

1. Our Eco School application will soon be ready for submitting and as part of our application we have to renew our eco code. Pupils discussed the important issues that the Eco-Committee have raised and actioned during the year so that it can be incorporated into the Eco code. Pupils spoke about encouraging biodiversity with our wildflower area, using the seed bombs pupils made. Also, the stumpery and bug hotels in the Forest School area. We continue to promote and care for our own eco system within our Forest School pond. Pupils have worked on a range of campaigns throughout the year such as 'Cut Your Carbon' and 'World Water Day' to raise awareness of reducing our carbon footprint. Our Eco-Code this year is:

***"Empowering Young Minds to Nurture a Greener Tomorrow"***

***At Fountains Primary School, our mission is to inspire a love of nature and a sense of responsibility for the environment in our pupils. We strive to create a culture of sustainability and aim to reduce our ecological footprint, promote biodiversity, and preserve the natural beauty of our world.***

2. The Eco-committee completed their final evaluation of the action plan for the Eco-Schools accreditation and went through each of the areas to ensure every objective had been completed. Our topics and aims for the accreditation were based on **Waste, School Grounds and Healthy Living**. Some of the objectives had been met through our Forest School sessions, where classes contributed to achieving them.

3. A representative from Burton ReRun will be attending Fountains Primary School on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, to meet the Eco-Committee and collect the bottle tops we have collected over the year. Thank you to all the donations generously made by families and staff from Fountains. Hopefully, they will have enough to recycle and repurpose the lids into something that is entirely new. This is to fund their community workshop and enable the community to live more sustainably.
4. As part of our Eco-Schools award, it was planned that pupils would leave an area of grass in the Forest School area to grow and would not be mowed until after summer. A member of the Eco-Committee visited the area to observe the progress of the meadow and was pleased to report back that there are signs of wildflowers coming through. The area will continue to be left and not maintained throughout the summer.
5. This was the Eco-Committee's last meeting of the half-term, and all class representatives were thanked for their contribution and hard work over the year, to make sure Fountains Primary are continuing to work toward a greener future. A gathering to celebrate their achievements and have light refreshments will be planned during the last few weeks of the half-term.

**Actions:**

1. To meet with Burton ReRun on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

