

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

Eco and School Council Minutes

Date: 28.01.25 and 29.01.25

Classes Present:

BB LB IF IR 2B 2P 3AW 3BW 4S 4K 5C 5FB 6S

Lead teacher: Miss Zych

Bird feeders

WOW! What a fantastic job the children of St. Matthew's did. We absolutely love the creativity applied in designing the bird feeders. The School Council particularly loved Domas's solid wood feeder, Cristian's naturally looking feeder with twigs for the roof and Milo's creative rain water gathering one. We were all so excited to hang these...but we needed to postpone the whole event due to the rain! All was rescheduled for the day after as the weather forecast said sunshine.

The School Council hung the amazing bird feeders on Wednesday in the Spiritual Garden. We filled each one with lots of seeds. We are very pleased that we made this little green area a little more attractive to our wildlife.

Action: Miss Zych to upload Dojo from hanging the feeders.

Recycling Poster Competition

We are still concerned with the amount of rubbish we produce daily in the classroom. Miss Zych found the statistics that on average, each pupil in the primary school produces 45 kg of general waste per academic year! The Reps quickly did the Maths and we were shocked at these shameful statistics! The Reps all agreed that more needs to be done to recycle as much as possible. We are calling all the children to design the recycling posters for our competition. We want the poster to inspire everyone who looks at it to sort the waste into the correct bins. Each classroom has two bins, please use them as intended!

General rules: in a 2d format (in case if we need to photocopy it)

Deadline: 10th March.

The winning poster and runners up will go with the School Council to the Recycling Centre Trip and their poster will be printed around the school, in the church and on the postcards.

Please send all entries to Miss Zych.

Action: Miss Zych to Dojo about the competition.

Earth Day fundraiser

The School Council would like to organise a non-uniform day to celebrate the Earth Day (which is 22nd April this year). We would like the children to come in earthly coloured clothes and donate £1 for helping us to purchase seeds, planters, pots, fruit and vegetables that we would like to start growing in the Spiritual Garden. The Reps suggested establishing Gardening Club in the Summer term and Miss Zych has kindly volunteered to run it.

On the fundraiser day, the Reps would like each class to do a little eco-project of their own. It can be as simple as making posters about saving water when washing hands in the classroom, collecting rubbish in the local area or creating artwork to raise awareness about climate change.

Action: Miss Zych to check if non-uniform day for Earth day is possible. Miss Zych check if the Gardening Club can happen.

Litter picking at break times

The Reps said they all love litter picking club with Mr Todd on the school grounds every Thursday. Arthur said it is the highlight of his week! The Reps would like to extend this practice to break times as they have noticed that there is a lot of food waste and rubbish left behind after each break. The Reps suggested to have the litter pickers available to them to do a bit of litter picking when the need arises. Some Reps said they would prefer litter picking over playing football which shows how keen they are. The litter pickers could be kept by the KS2 entrance.

Action: Miss Zych to check with SLT whether or not using the litter pickers might pose some risk during break times and if they can be available for The School Council Reps.

Next meeting: 19th March