

St. Matthew's CEVAP School

# School Council Minutes

Date: 16.11

Classes Present:

**BB LB 1DW 1M 2R 2B 3HW 3K 4Q 4W 5C 5FB 6S 6R**

(Y1s and Y2s are in the cinema)

Lead teacher: Miss Zych

## Eco Project

We discuss again how climate change negatively affects our planet. We talked about the pollution, plastic and lack of recycling in our school and in our community as a part of the problem. We all agreed we want to do something about it! We are all interested in exploring become more eco aware as the school more. Miss Zych explained to us that we could get Green Flag Award for our school next year. It is awarded by Keep Britain Tidy Charity. Here is what we need to do:

- Establish Eco Committee (we agreed School Council can take on that role)
- Become more ecologically aware as a school
- Undertake the project in school and in the wider community to promote the eco approach
- Create Eco Board to celebrate our work
- Invite Eco Inspectors to evaluate our work

**Action: Miss Zych to send the enquiry and apply for Green Flag Accreditation for next year**

## Reducing plastic in our school

We are still concerned about how much plastic cutlery and bags are being used in our school during dinners. We talked to Mr Gates and he reassured is he in the process of purchasing metal cutlery to replace the plastic one.

We also have been informed by Mrs Bowen that she is willing to recycling all the plastic bags from packed lunches in the local recycling centre. We understand that recycling plastic means it can be used again. We asked Mr Gates to provide special box for the clean plastic bags that Mrs Bowen then will take to the recycling centre.

**Action: Mr Gates to purchase metal cutlery and provide the plastic box for the plastic bags.**

**Mr Gates to inform the dinner ladies of the need to recycle the plastic bags.**

## Recycling Poster Competition

We would like to encourage all the pupils of St. Matthew's to think about the impact they are making on our environment at school and at home. We would like to run the Poster competition: Recycling at school and beyond. We would like everyone to think of different ways they can recycle rubbish at home or at school. It can be a good starting point for a discussion in your home if you are doing enough to help our planet. We encourage the children to research different ways to help environment. You can visit the recycling centre, call the local council, or browse the internet to find ways you can contribute to recycling. We would like all the children to get involved and get creative. The School Council will choose the winners. We had lots of ideas about the prizes (badges, stickers, Dojo announcement). We decided that we would want winning piece to be printed or framed for everyone to see. We are also considering if the winners of the competition might be able to go for a visit to the recycling centre to learn more about the process of recycling and rubbish management (to be confirmed).

**Action: Miss Zych and Mr Gates to agree on a deadline and work on details regarding the winners' prize.**

## Litter picking on the school grounds

We would like to help by tidying around the school. We want to do it regularly with the litter pickers. We discussed that maybe KS2 only to get involved.

**Action: Mr Gates to liaise with Mr Todd to arrange that once a fortnight during the morning assembly.**

## Invitation to Suffolk County Council Waste Team

We would like to invite a member of recycling/waste team to talk about recycling to us. We could use the information from the meeting to use when we are designing our posters for the competition.

**Action: Miss Zych to liaise with Mr Gates to establish the date for Mrs Clarke to come.**