

Healthy Schools Meeting

A meeting took place on Wednesday 2nd March between the Healthy Schools, Eco Schools and the Health and Safety Committees.

Present: Mr Middleditch, Ben Peace, Courtney Watling, Jack Berry, Luca Regan, Ellie Clark, Charray Mannings, Lilli Hughes, Jamie Burgess, James Critchley, Ellie May, Olivia Palfrey and Jamie Tearle.

The meeting was also attended by Mrs Vaughan, Mrs Watling, Mrs Grice and Mr Clare. Mrs Brakenbury sent her apologies.

The following points were discussed and suggestions made:

- 1 **Meetings** – These will take place once a term.
- 2 **Weather station** – this would now be the main target to get this for the front of the school – we would need to look into costs.
- 3 **Fruit recycling** – Each classroom has a small composting bin and all fruit is recycled. Class 5 ensure all the bins are emptied on a daily basis. The bins can get dirty and discussions took place on how to keep them clean. Biodegradable bags, Dettol spray were suggested. Mr Clare is going to investigate an outside tap near to the compost bins – connecting to the water mains via the EPSA shed.
- 4 **EPSA grant** – are hoping to apply for a grant from B & Q for a further shed which will be placed next to the compost bins on a concrete base.
- 5 **Gardening** – It will soon be time to start planting – it was suggested that we grow carrots, potatoes, herbs, onions, cucumber, cress, and salad. Mrs Grice would then be able to use them in the kitchen.
- 6 **Woodland Trust Planting** – Year 4 will be going soon and parent helpers will be needed.
- 7 **Energy use** – We have improved our consumption and we are now much better at turning off lights, switches, projectors etc. We need something to monitor the energy consumption. Mr Clare reads the meters every Monday and will provide Mr Middleditch with weekly figures, who will then put the results on a graph.
- 8 **Wildlife Area** – it would be nice to refurbish this area. We will approach Mr Corcoran to get a quote – perhaps EPSA could fund this. Suggestions were to paint the fence a brighter colour and put up information boards.
- 9 **Cooking** – The “Chinese” Day was very popular and more meals like this have been requested. Mrs Grice stated that she would be open to suggestions and had planned a few meals anyway. A request was made for a vegetarian option to be put on the menu every day – Mrs Grice explained that this did already happen and information went out in the newsletter – the teachers should confirm the options when taking the dinner register every day – any changes to the menus go out in the newsletters giving plenty of notice.
- 10 **Sun shelters** – EPSA are currently looking for grants to fund sun shade / sails for the playground.
- 11 **Tree Top Village** – it was suggested that this be painted but Mr Middleditch explained that this was not possible as the wood was specially treated and it would cost too much.
- 12 **KS2 Toilets** – In order to keep the toilets a lot cleaner and tidier it was suggested that we have a Golden Toilet Brush award the same as the Golden Broom Award. Mr Clare is to purchase a toilet brush and spray it gold – it will then be awarded to either the girls or boys.
- 13 **Fundraising** – a wacky hair day was suggested.
- 14 **Outside water fountain** – this was suggested for the KS2 area – Mrs Vaughan is going to contact a plumber to ascertain costs.

Meeting closed at 3.10pm