

Minutes of the Eco Schools Representatives Meeting

Friday 5th February 2010

3.10pm Library

1. Welcome to Jessie Long Gap student who is going to help with Eco Schools coordination.
2. Environmental Representative were asked to explain to Jessie what their role is in the school.
3. Reminder given by AB to wear their badges at all times.
4. Great success with the Switch Off Fortnight Campaign. 23% electricity saved in the second week. Reps are to carry on the campaign and encourage staff and students to switch off.
5. Second Assignment – Eco Code - As part of our work to achieve the Green Flag Award we have to have an Eco Code which is a mission statement which reflects what we do towards becoming a sustainable school. Our Eco Code needs updating. See the competition entry information attached.
6. Wild waste road show visit– recycling workshop – Northmoor Trust are coming on 19th March to run workshops on Food Miles, Environmental Footprints and a debate on Landfill v Incineration. All Environmental Representatives will be taking part and the Fair Trade group. Letters will be sent to Eco Reps parents during half term, please bring reply slips back to Angy Bovill on 22nd February.
7. Opportunity to share ideas for achieving the Green Flag Award.
 - Year 7 reps are very concerned that polystyrene cups are still been used in the dining room , they have already been to see catering staff to ask them to stop. They bought in new plastic washable tumblers but not enough for the tea and coffee. Bella and Jonty are to take them to PR to ask that this be addressed.
 - Some concern amongst the reps that there are not sufficient recycling bins around the school. Oliver has offered to conduct an audit and let AB know how many bins we need to replace those that have gone missing. Art is a problem with overflowing bins.
 - Reps would like to see some investment in Wind and solar power. AB assured reps that MGO is going to Cherwell District planning department next week to talk to the planners regarding the installation of wind turbines within the school grounds.
8. Volunteers needed to carry out and update Environmental Review - Volunteers came forward from 6th form; this is to be done with AB next Monday 8th Feb.
9. AB – Reps are not to be shy in coming forward with ideas. Come to see her with them or write them down and put them into her office in the Sixth Form.