



Eco Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 19th January

Attendees: Amy, Madelyn, Emma, Joshua, Hannah, Jack

The meeting commenced with an apology from Mrs Deasy that the meeting had been postponed from last week.

Looking through the minutes of the previous meeting on 24th November, Mrs Deasy reported the following actions that had been taken: -

- An Eco Council litter pick has been arranged for Wednesday 9th February – wellies and coats necessary
- Seed potatoes have been sourced – enough for all classes to take part in the annual potato growing competition. The children were shown the seed potatoes in the greenhouse that are already 'chitting'
- Reception have now completed their six weeks of gardening – planting bulbs for Spring. Year 1 have commenced and have already sown parsnip seeds and planted garlic
- Seeds and soil have been purchased from Coolings and will be delivered on Friday. They include cucumber, sweetcorn and beansprouts
- At Jack's request, a red stemmed Cornus has been purchased for the school garden
- Reception will be making wildflower 'bombs' from recycled paper and seed this half term and will launch them around the school site in the hope that they take

Mrs Deasy went on to explain that she and Miss McCarthy had spent a long time reworking the school cooking programme to ensure that the children will use seasonal produce from the school garden in their cooking. Year 2 started this week with Beetroot and chocolate muffins. Year 1 will be cooking Lemon, Poppy Seed and Parsnip muffins and Reception, Spring Rolls to tie in with Chinese New Year.

Madelyn asked if we could grow Dog Roses as her class had been on a plant search of the site and could not find any. Mrs Deasy explained that she had taken delivery of a number of Dog Roses as part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy project.

The children were worried about the apple tree on the field and that the small apples are often removed before they are able to grow. Mrs Deasy will arrange to speak to staff and for the tree to be roped off for a time - Aimee is happy to speak with Breakfast and After School Club.

The children asked if the following produce could be grown this year

- Carrots
- Strawberries
- Peas
- Chillis

Joshua asked if we could grow Persimmon – Mrs Deasy will see if she can bring some in for the other council members to try and take a look at the growing conditions required.

Finally, Mrs Deasy mentioned that the dates had been launched for the London Children's Flower Society Spring Bulb competition and that we would be judged between February and March.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th February when we will carry out a litter pick.

N.B. The Eco School website has now been reworked and all information pertaining to the work that we have carried out has been updated. Mrs Deasy will report to the Council when she has heard from them.