

School Council Meeting: 19.11.21.

Councillors present:

Asher and Elin	Year 6
Aaron, Aleena, Alfie and Sophia	Year 5
Frayah and James	Year 4
Max and Poppy	Year 3
Avik, Jessica, Leo and Lexi	Year 2
Joe and Tahlia	Year 1

Agenda:

1. Discuss the roll out of the plastic recycling bins
2. Gather ideas for a Ten Point Eco Plan
3. Create a final list to present to Miss Shaw
4. A.O.B

Prior to this meeting, the councillors had met briefly to be given a plastic recycling bin for each of the KS1 classes and the KS2 hall. We then asked Miss Shaw to talk about the importance of using all of our recycling bins during her Monday assembly. Mrs Rose joined the meeting to help the children understand the importance of being more environmentally responsible. Together we came up with seven initial ideas to consider, and the councillors were asked to think of three more for our meeting today. The idea was to create a Ten Point Plan ranging from really simple things that we can do easily, to some more tricky ways of protecting our planet.

We began by running through the seven ideas, which were:

1. To recycle paper, plastic and crisp packets.
2. To turn off taps and lights.
3. To plant saplings and to create a wildflower area.
4. To hold a Reuse/Swap day to recycle old toys or books after Christmas.
5. To have a 'Meat Free' day once a week
6. To encourage cycling to school by getting a bike shed.
7. To use reusable or recyclable equipment for our Christmas parties and Christmas lunch.

Max had brought along some suggestions, which involved reminding parents of the recycling rules at home. We talked about creating a poster, leaflet or letter that could be sent home.

8. To remind parents of the recycling rules.

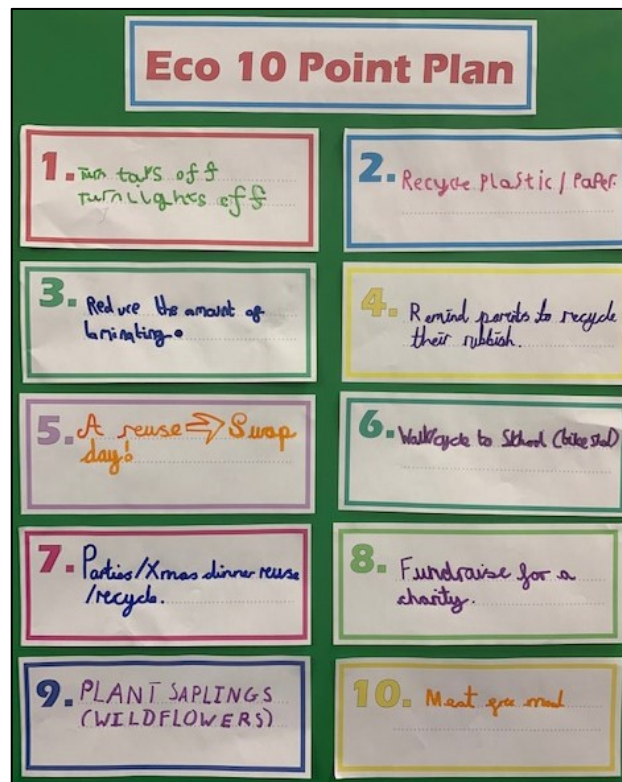
Aleena was keen to raise some money for charity and mentioned a project which she thought was run by the World Wildlife Fund. Mrs Draper asked her to look into this further, and we agreed that raising money for a charity was a good idea.

9. To raise money for a charity linked to an environmental issue.

Finally, everyone agreed that an awful lot of laminating is done in school, which cannot be recycled at all. Therefore this became our last point.

10. Reduce the amount of laminating.

Once we'd agreed the 10 points, we then put them in order of difficulty and created a display board. This is what we produced:



The councillors then put their names forward to take the ideas to show Miss Shaw. Elin, Frayah and Joe's names were pulled out of the bag and they visited Miss Shaw in her office on Monday 22nd November. Elin reported back by saying, Miss Shaw was delighted with what the councillors had produced and was happy to attempt them all. She said it would be tricky to reduce the amount of laminating, however all of the points could be discussed in an assembly.

We look forward to working through the list and making our school and our local community a more environmentally friendly place.