

ECO – COMMITTEE MEETING

17 MARCH 2010

AGENDA

- 1) Green Flag status – the next steps
- 2) Targets for improvement arising from the Eco – schools assessment
- 3) Development of school grounds: suggestions
- 4) Low carbon day: national initiative June 2010-05-09
- 5) Recycling bins – paper (many need a new bin); plastic bottles and cans
- 6) AOB

PRESENT: Eco – committee pupils (6), Mrs Gardener, Mrs Doores, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Chauhan, Mrs Clark

Ad 1, 2 and 3)

Brockington College was awarded the 2nd Green flag in January 2010. Well done!

The assessor wanted to pass on some suggestions which may help strengthen our Eco – schools work in the future:

- Link and extend current successful activities to support the Sustainable Schools Initiative.
- Develop a plan to begin to enhance and use the school grounds for sociability
- Consult with pupils, staff, parents and Governors, and external agencies, regarding further developing the school grounds for biodiversity.

The assessor found our school to be particularly good at:

- Great enthusiasm has been created for Environmental Projects through the work of the Eco Team and good leadership
- This newly established School has made massive efforts to keep the grounds and school litter free
- The children are advocates for Eco – schools work in the local community; they produce regular bulletins and send home Eco newsletters to parents to spread their message. The School Handbook also outlines Eco – code and environmental emphasis for the wider school.

School grounds

Suggestions: nesting boxes, encourage wildlife, pond life, log bees for habitat, biodiversity of the grounds, gardening club, bulbs planting, flower bed with school badge/logo, climbing frame, more shrubs and trees

During Eco –warriors meeting pupils to take these suggestions back to forms and feedback back. Also involve home and wider community and their suggestions.

E-mail staff to ask for their suggestions of ‘outdoor classroom’.

Andy Hayes – community project officer to contact (eco-committee by letter)

Grant ideas – Stepping stones funding

Technology status – aerial view, design and tech department

Ad 4)

Low Carbon Day initiative 21 June 2010. Brockington has registered and will take part. Need to discuss with the Leadership team how much time from the day timetable we can take. Mrs I Clark and Eco – committee pupils to suggest and prepare resources.

- Form involvement, out of school (bus shelters posters) ,home (newsletter, bulletin), quiz, poster, slogan competitions, design – bird boxes

Ad 5)

More paper recycling bins must be ordered as the original one are falling apart. Staff and Eco – warriors to monitor the situation and if needed replace the bin in their area. Thank you to Mr Orten for sorting us with new bins.

More forms are recycling plastic bottles. Well done! Keep it up.

Recycling of cans also very successful.

Remind all staff to/pupils to regularly empty recycling boxes out into the large bins outside A entrance.

Ad 6)

Theme of the week: Why not an environmental Theme of the week?

Olivia and Fallon to up date school's Eco – Schools notice board

AM trip to Leicester Eco – house as a 'reward' trip for Eco – committee pupils in July 2010?