

JYS Eco Team Meeting Minutes – spring 2017



Eco Team Meeting Minutes

- **18th January 2017**

- Today the new spring term Eco Team met for the first time and we got our Eco Committee badges!
- We talked about how we are using our classroom bins at the moment and thought about whether we're recycling as much as we can.
- We went to the ICT Suite and started making posters to tell everyone which types of waste can go in which classroom bins.

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- **25th January 2017**

- Today we have been rehearsing for making our video all about using the classroom bins properly for recycling and general waste.
- We used the great script that Amelie has written to help us.
- We are excited about showing our video to the rest of the school in an assembly soon!

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- **1st February 2017**

- Today we discussed the problem of food waste in the playground bin at the top of the Key Stage 1 steps. We all agreed to talk to our classes about making sure that we don't waste food. Too many nearly-whole apples, carrots and bananas are being put in the bin and we need to make sure this stops.
- We voted on what to do with the money raised from selling our Fairtrade Christmas muffins at the Christmas Fair. We have decided to use the money to buy Fairtrade foods and donate them to the Chichester Food Bank.
- We went outside to the skip and looked at what was in it. We talked about landfill and about how some things could be recycled instead of sent off to the tip.
- Lastly, we went to the ICT Suite and finished off our posters for the classroom waste and recycling bins.
- what a busy session!

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- **8th February 2017**

- Today we filmed our 'classroom waste' video which took up most of the session!
- Mrs Neville also told us that we are going to have a special visitor in next week's Eco Club. She is a lady who works to help make Chichester a really good Fairtrade town.
- We thought up some questions that we want to ask her about Fairtrade, so that we'll have them ready for her visit.

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- **15th February 2017**

- Today, Liz Campling, who campaigns for Fairtrade in Chichester, gave us a fascinating talk all about how our town was awarded its 'Fairtrade Town' status in 2006.
- She explained to us more about Fairtrade and what it means for farmers around the world. We also found out about the Fairtrade Premium which benefits not just the Fairtrade farmers but their communities as well.
- Liz inspired us to spread the message about Fairtrade in our school community and we started to plan how we want to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight after half term.

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- **22nd February 2017**
 - Half Term Holiday

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- **1st March 2017**

- In this morning's assembly, we showed the rest of the school the new signs that we have made for the classroom bins and we played them our 'Be Wise about Waste' film to remind everyone to 'think before they bin' their waste and to recycle as much as possible at school.
- In the assembly, we also launched the exciting 'Home Recycling Challenge' run by the **Wastebuster** organisation.
- In Eco Club this afternoon, we put the new signs onto the bins in each class and we also talked about Fairtrade Fortnight and decided how we want to celebrate this year's event next week.

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- **Monday 6th March 2017**

- Today, Mrs Ritchie led an extended whole-school assembly to introduce Fairtrade Fortnight. She showed everyone a film explaining what Fairtrade is and why it is important.
- She also showed everyone our Fairtrade Survey sheet and asked them to fill it in at home, with the promise of Fairtrade ‘goodies’ for everyone who returns their form by Friday!

- **8th March 2017**

- No Eco Team meeting today as parent consultation meetings were taking place after school.

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- **15th March 2017**

- Today it was so sunny and warm that we went out into the outdoor classroom for our Eco Team meeting.
- We divided all of the Fairtrade survey responses that we have had returned into class piles and then worked in pairs to make tally charts of the answers. This took a long time!
- Mrs Ritchie told us about a ‘Big Battery Hunt’ recycling initiative that she had found out about and asked if we thought we should get involved in it. We all said “Yes!” so Mrs Neville and Mrs Ritchie are going to apply to join in!

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- **22nd March 2017**

- Today we worked in pairs to analyse the results of our Fairtrade survey, sent out as part of our Fairtrade Fortnight celebrations.
- We looked at what the results show and decided that it would be a good idea if children in Year 5 and/or Year 6 could use our data to write persuasive letters to some of our local supermarkets to encourage them to stock more Fairtrade produce.
- In the last part of the session, Mr Vaughan came to talk to us about the new energy-efficient lighting that has been installed along the back path and in the cycle sheds at the top of the field. It was interesting to find out how the path lights are on timers and the lights in the cycle sheds are movement sensitive, both helping to save energy whilst providing a safer environment for everyone in our school.

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- **29th March 2017**

- Today we did a survey of the classroom bins in each year group, to monitor whether they are being used properly after our whole-school assembly and film about 'being wise about waste' earlier this term.
- We looked at the 'Big Battery Hunt' materials that had arrived at school last week and decided how we want to run this recycling initiative.
- We finalised our spring term Eco Team newsletter ready to send out by email to all families next week, before we break up for Easter.

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- **5th April 2017**
 - spring term clubs finished.
- **12th April 2017 and 19th April 2017**
 - Easter holidays.
- **26th April 2017**
 - summer term clubs begin next week.